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REVIVED FEARS OF JAPANESE INTENTION

Rumours Of Settlement Occupation On December 1

BRINGING PRESSURE FOR "RECOGNITION OF RIGHTS"

WU PEI-FU TO PLAY PUPPET FOR JAPAN?

Peiping, To-day.

Chinese reports declare that Marshal Wu Pei-fu, former head of the Anfu clique, who has lately received many highly placed callers, Chinese as well as Japanese, may shortly emerge from retirement to head the new pro-Japanese administration in North China.

Persons close to the veteran War Lord, when questioned, merely described the reports as "premature."

Recently, a reliable source reported that Marshal Wu had been asked by the Japanese to head the new administration, but the conditions under which he would be willing to do were unacceptable to the Japanese. — Reuter.

COLONEL DE LA ROCQUE UNDER ARREST

Paris, To-day.

Colonel de la Rocque, leader of the Croix de Feu, the French Fascist Party, is the latest suspect placed under arrest by the police in the Csars plot.

He is charged with associating with criminals.

Fresh stores of arms have been discovered near Paris. — Reuter.

"AUTONOMY" IN NORTH HONAN

Shanghai, To-day.

According to Japanese reports the "autonomous" provincial government established at Changteh, an important town in North Honan, will be formally installed on Nov. 27. — Reuter.

CHINESE DENY FALL OF CHANGHING: WUSIH OFFENSIVE

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese army continues to press for recognition of their right to enter the Settlement south of Soochow Creek, ostensibly in order to have a short cut for troops and supplies destined for Nantao.

Claim of such a right has increased apprehension over Japanese intentions, especially in view of the widely circulated, though unconfirmable, rumour that the Japanese army intend to occupy the whole Settlement on Dec. 1. — Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chinese deny the fall of Changhing, while admitting that the Japanese have reached the outskirts of the city.

Confirmation of the capture of Wusih by the Japanese is still lacking in Chinese quarters.

The Chinese declare that the positions along the front are unchanged, but that their own positions are under continuous shell-fire and aerial bombardment, causing heavy losses among the troops. — Our Own Correspondent.

VIOLENT ATTACKS

Shanghai, To-day.

Reinforced by fresh units, the Japanese troops which have been repeatedly repulsed by the Chinese in the past several days, have renewed their attacks north of Wusih, where brisk fighting is reported to be raging at a point 2,000 metres north of the city, according to Chinese reports.

Meanwhile the Chinese detachment which withdrew from Wusih and took up strongly prepared positions near Li Chiahang, 15 kilometres east, are said to be successfully holding up the Japanese advance.

ISLAND LANDING

In spite of severe Japanese aerial and naval bombardment, the situation at Kiangyin is unchanged.

Japanese bluejackets, however, are reported to have landed at Changyinsha Island, in the Yangtse, east of Kiangyin. — Reuter.

MR. LIN SEN IN CHUNGKING

Chungking, To-day.

President Lin Sen arrived from Nanking yesterday and was given an enthusiastic welcome. — Reuter.

ACTIVE SEARCH FOR PEACE

Washington, To-day.

Asked at a press conference yesterday what would be his policy now that the Brussels Conference had adjourned, President Roosevelt said "My policy will be to keep on trying in an active search for peace." — Reuter.

JAPANESE TAKING OVER IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chinese postal, telegraphic and radio services, as well as the broadcasting service will be taken over by the Japanese to-day, according to an official Japanese statement.

The Japanese have placed many minor officials in the Customs administration.

In neutral circles it is feared that this might lead to certain difficulties, owing to the fact that Customs revenues function as pledge for foreign loans. — Trans-Ocean.

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GIANT CLIPPER PLANES

As the first of Pan American Airways new fleet of trans-oceanic clippers, now being built at the Boeing Aircraft factory at Seattle, has reached a stage of construction sufficiently advanced to warrant photographing, announcement was made of the names selected for the first two ships in the new fleet.

The names selected to carry on the modern tradition of speed in America's international trade so ably begun by the Brazilian, Caribbean, China, Hawaii, Philippine and Hong Kong Clipper (to name but a few) are Atlantic Clipper and South Seas Clipper.

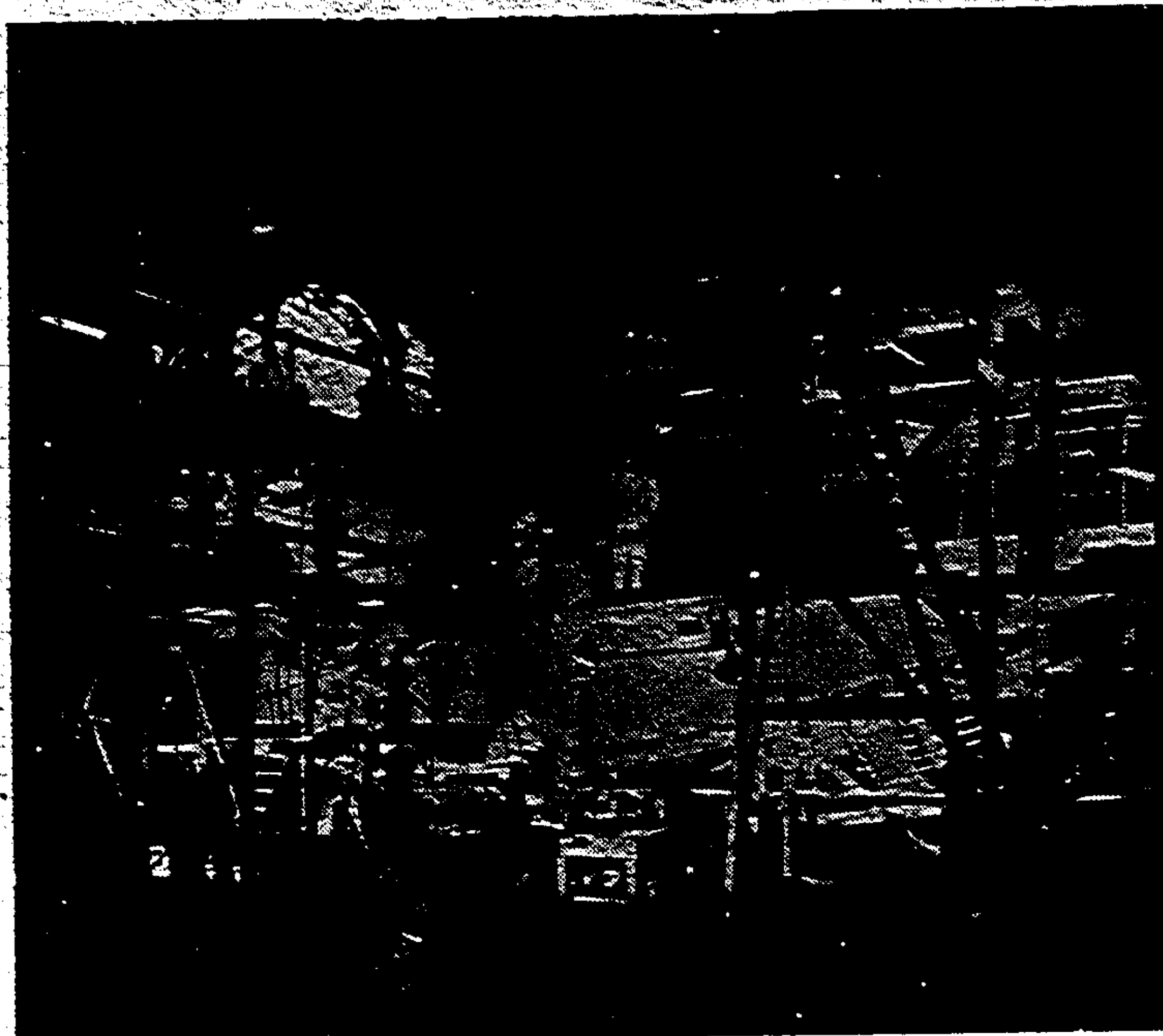
In the Assembly Hangar at the Boeing plant, these two new ships of the sky, largest commercial flyingboats ever built, already stand out as imposing and impressive craft.

The indoor docks in which the ships are being assembled each measure 115 feet in length, are 26 feet high and have a width at the middle of 38 feet.

Jigs and construction scaffolding around the South Seas Clipper includes approximately 80,000 board feet, or 3½ carloads of lumber.

The construction catwalk around the new clipper is one-half mile in length.

The B. J. Steamship "Tilawa" will leave for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta on or about Thursday, Dec. 2, at 10.30 a.m.



The first of six new super-clippers for Pan American Airways trans-pacific services takes shape at Boeing Aircraft factory, Seattle. Construction is proceeding on four levels simultaneously on the ship which will weigh 42½ tons, nearly twice the size of the China Clipper, and which will have four engines with a total of 6,000 horsepower and a capacity of seventy-two passengers.

AIR DEFENCE PLANS FOR LONDON

The plans for the aerial defence of the Port of London are so good that they have been adopted by the Government as the basis of the defence in wartime of all the ports in the United Kingdom.

This is announced by Sir Ion Hamilton Benn, a member of the Port of London Authority, at a farewell luncheon to Mr. T. R. Toovey, of the Port of London Authority, who is leaving to be the Authority's representative in Australia and New Zealand.

Sir Hamilton said that Mr. Toovey's last big job was to organise and improve the defences of the port against air raids and enemy action, and it was his plan which the Government had adopted for all ports.

SURVEY FLIGHT TO FAR EAST

The Imperial Airways flying-boat, the "Satyrus," is now engaged on a survey flight across India and on to Singapore to test marine air-bases and other facilities which have been in preparation recently.

Further survey flights on this route are expected in the near future, and they will be followed in due course by the introduction of regular services by Empire flying-boats between England and the Far East; and, later, between England and Australia.

The "Satyrus" is in the charge of a survey crew from the Imperial Airways Empire base at Alexandria, and is expected to arrive at Singapore at the end of October. Not long ago, it may be remembered, the "Satyrus" made a survey flight on the Africa marine route.

Statistics which have become available show that the total mileage of the world's air-mails has now reached, and slightly exceeded, a figure of 300,000. Eighteen years ago, in air transport's earliest days, the figure stood at only just over 3,000 miles.

To study the latest maps tracing globe-encircling air-mails is to realise the wonderful progress which has been made by air transport since that morning in November, 1919, when the British Post Office sent its first mail-load across the Channel by the pioneer London-Paris commercial service.

EXTENSIVE SERVICE

From that modest beginning, involving the carrying of letters over a 250-miles route, a system of air-mails has developed which not only serves all the chief towns and cities of Europe, but which extends stage by stage far across seas, continents, and oceans.

Eastward from England go the Empire flying-boats to Egypt. Southward across Africa they fly, and then down the new east-coast marine line to Durban. West Africa is served by a connecting route; while links are also forged with the inland airways of South Africa.

Eastward from Egypt Empire mail-planes fly to Karachi, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore, and Australia. From Karachi a connecting service takes loads to Bombay and Madras. From Penang, on the trunk route, a service branches off to Hong Kong. When the main eastern service reaches Brisbane, it links up with Australia's internal air system, while plans are being completed for a regular air-mail between Australia and New Zealand.

ATLANTIC ROUTE

On the North Atlantic, survey flights have been in progress which are a preliminary to a regular ocean air-mail linking existing Empire routes with the air-mail systems of Canada and the United States; while Canada, at the present time, is putting finishing touches to a trans-continental route stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The air-mail system of the United States is, according to present plans, soon to be augmented by further internal routes; while trunk services now extend across South America to Montevideo, Buenos Ayres, Valparaiso, and other cities; and a South Atlantic ocean route connects these South American lines with the air-mails of Europe.



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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
12.42 p.m.—Albert Sandler & His Orch.
Rosa Mia (Guizar, Fisher & Potter).
The Fairies Gavotte (Kohn).
Give Me Back My Heart (from Symphony in Two Flats—Novello).
My Dream Memory (theme song "Street Girl"—Levant).
The Land Of Smiles (Lehar).
1. You Are My Heart's Delight.
2. Patiently Smiling.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Waltzes.
The Chocolate Soldier—My Hero (Oscar Strauss).
The Merry Widow—Waltz (Franz Lehar).
Paul Whiteman & His Orch.
1.12 p.m.—Dance Records.
1.30 p.m.—Renter and Rugby Press: Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—A Concert by Gigli (Tenor) and Backhaus (Piano).
Military March in E Flat (Schubert, arr. Backhaus).

To-day's Wireless

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Moment Musicale in A Flat Major, Op. 94, No. 6 (Schubert) Backhaus.
Anima Mia.
Solitario Tu, Maria (film 'Ave Maria')—Furno-Melichar-de Curtis) Gigli.
Studies, Op. 25 (Chopin).
(a) No. 7 in C Sharp Minor.
(b) No. 9 in G flat major ('The Butterfly').
(c) No. 10 in B minor Backhaus.
Non Ti Scordar Di Me (film 'Lullaby')—Furno-de Curtis).
Mille Cherubini in Coro (Lullaby) (film 'Lullaby')—Senatra-Schubert-Melichar). Gigli.
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Variety.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Spanish Music.
Suite Iberia (Albeniz, arr. Arbos).
Madrid Symphony Orch. cond: Enrique Fernandez.

Sentir Gitano—Cancion Andaluza (Moro-de Aquino-Munoz-Arenillas).
Un Barberillo Alegre (Media-Villa-Prado).
Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano).
3.30 p.m.—London Relay—As I See It—A talk by Ian Hay.
3.45 p.m.—London Relay—'London Log'—A talk by Cyril Gardiner.
5.55 p.m.—Local Sport Results.
5.05 p.m.—Piano Solos.
Fantasia in C Minor, K.396 (Mozart) Edwin Fischer.
Scherzo No. 3 in C Sharp Minor, Op. 39 (Chopin) Mischa Levitzki.
Study in F Minor (Liszt) Solomon.
9.25 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.45 p.m.—London Relay—The Manchester November Handicap. A running commentary from Castle Irwell Racecourse.
10 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof-Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
12 midnight—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—
GSH 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
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GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben, Fredric Bayto, at the Organ of the Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, London.
11.15 a.m.—Darts: The 'Hanbury Arms' v. the 'Caledonian Arms'.
11.30 a.m.—Musical-Comedy Stars.
11.45 a.m.—The BBC Welsh Orchestra.
12.30 p.m.—'As I See It'—A talk by Ian Hay.
12.45 p.m.—London Log.
12.55 p.m.—For the Children: 'The Disappearing Band'.
1.25 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.30 p.m.
1.45 p.m.—The November Handicap: A Running Commentary from Castle Irwell Racecourse, Manchester.
2.00 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSP 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSI (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s.
2.20 p.m.—Chu Chin Chow.
3.25 p.m.—The Hawaiian Islanders.
3.40 p.m.—Musical Interlude.
3.45 p.m.—Royal Tennis.
4.00 p.m.—Big Ben, The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels.
5.06 p.m.—Close down.

BERLIN BROADCAST

On stations DIA 31.38 m, DJB 19.74 m, DJE 16.89 m, DJN 31.45 m, DIJ 19.63 m.
H.K.T.
3.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
4.45 p.m.—Piano concert in B Flat Major by Beethoven.
5.15 p.m.—Ballads.
6.00 p.m.—Dance Music.
8.00 p.m.—News.
9.45 p.m.—Selected records.
10.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Extra Fancy

Good, bad and indifferent players alike have for the past few years indulged in the slightly sane pastime of bidding a worthless suit to stop the lead of that suit against an eventual three notrump contract. Naturally, an alert defensive player is always aware of the possibility that his opponents' bids (particularly in minor suits) may not be entirely honest, and accordingly these psychic bids frequently prove a boomerang.

On to-day's hand the South player arbitrarily decided that he and his partner could make three notrump if a certain opening lead were stopped. He further decided, however, that the mere fact that he opened the bidding with one of that suit would not prevent either of his opponents from opening it if they had any desirable holding in it. He accordingly adopted the most unusual procedure of not only rebidding a worthless doubleton suit, but making a jump rebid.

South, dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

North

S—K 5
H—J 7 2
D—Q J 10 4 3.
C—J 9 2.

West
S—J 9 6 3.
H—Q 3 8.
D—9 6 5.
C—A Q 8.

East
S—8 7 4.
H—K 4 3.
D—8 2.
C—K 8 5 4 3.

South

S—A Q 10 2.
H—A 10 6 5.
D—A K 7.
C—10 7.

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)

South West North East
1 C (1) Pass 1 D (2) Pass
3 C (3) Pass 3 NT (4) Pass
Pass Pass
1—As mentioned above, South de-

cided that his hand offered a very fine chance for a game at notrump only assuming his partner held some scattered strength; if the opponents could be stopped from opening their best suit. From South's own hand the only really dangerous suit seemed to be the club suit, and South therefore opened the bidding with one club. He realised, of course, that the chances of his partner's passing to one club were very remote.

2—The correct response.

3—South is now more certain than ever that there is a game in notrump without a club lead. Knowing that his partner will take a jump rebid in the same suit as practically a force, he decides to take added precautions against the club suit's being opened. South knows that even if his partner does not bid three notrump as he hopes, he, South, can always return to diamonds over four or five clubs.

4—Although North has a pretty weak hand he decides to respect his partner's semi-force. He naturally makes the minimum response of three notrump.

East, of course, had a natural opening lead available to him of his fourth-best club. He might have made this lead even despite South's opening club bid, knowing that the South player quite frequently took great liberties in bidding minor suits. However, the jump rebid in clubs took East in completely, and he made the waiting lead of the eight of spades. Obviously, with any opening but a club there are nine cold tricks for North and South at notrump, and thus with the spade opening North and South made their game.

Call it what you will—highway robbery or good Bridge—at any rate it worked in this instance. Another time, this type of bidding might get the South player into considerable trouble.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies—

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSB 9.51 Mc/s (31.55 m.)

G.M.T.
8.15 a.m.—Big Ben, 'London Log' by Cyril Gardiner.
8.25 a.m.—'Sportsmen Talking': 'Dixie' Dean and Ivan Sharpe.
8.40 a.m.—'Popular Classics': The BBC Empire Orchestra.
9.30 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.
9.50 a.m.—'A Wisp of Lace,' A play with music.
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Parnell" with Clark Gable and Myrna Loy. The account of a courageous man who surrenders fame and fortune and power for the woman he loves. Primarily a narrative of Ireland, it is let international in scope.

AT THE STAR—"Wings of the Morning"—Beautiful British technical colour picture, starring Annabelle, supported by Henry Fonda, Leslie Banks and John McCormack.

AT THE ALHAMBRA AND QUEEN'S—"Souls at Sea" with Gary Cooper, George Raft and Frances Dee. The greatest adventure romance in the whole exciting history of the seven seas. Courage and disaster, faith and treachery are interspersed in the picture, directed by Henry Hathaway, the

man who thrilled the world with the "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer."

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Exclusive", with Fred MacMurray, Frances Farmer and Charlie Ruggles. With the battle between two rival newspapers as its background, the story concerns the sacrifice a father is forced to make when he must choose between the strict adherence of the newspaper code or the betrayal of his own daughter.

AT THE KING'S—"Vogues of 1938", with Warner Baxter and Joan Bennett, Helen Vinson, Nicka Auer, Alan Mowbray and Polly Rowles. Next year's fashions in fun, gowns, girls, love and music dances and technicals are introduced into this gay musical extravaganza from the story of Samuel and Bella Spewack who wrote the sensational stage success, "Boy Meets Girl."



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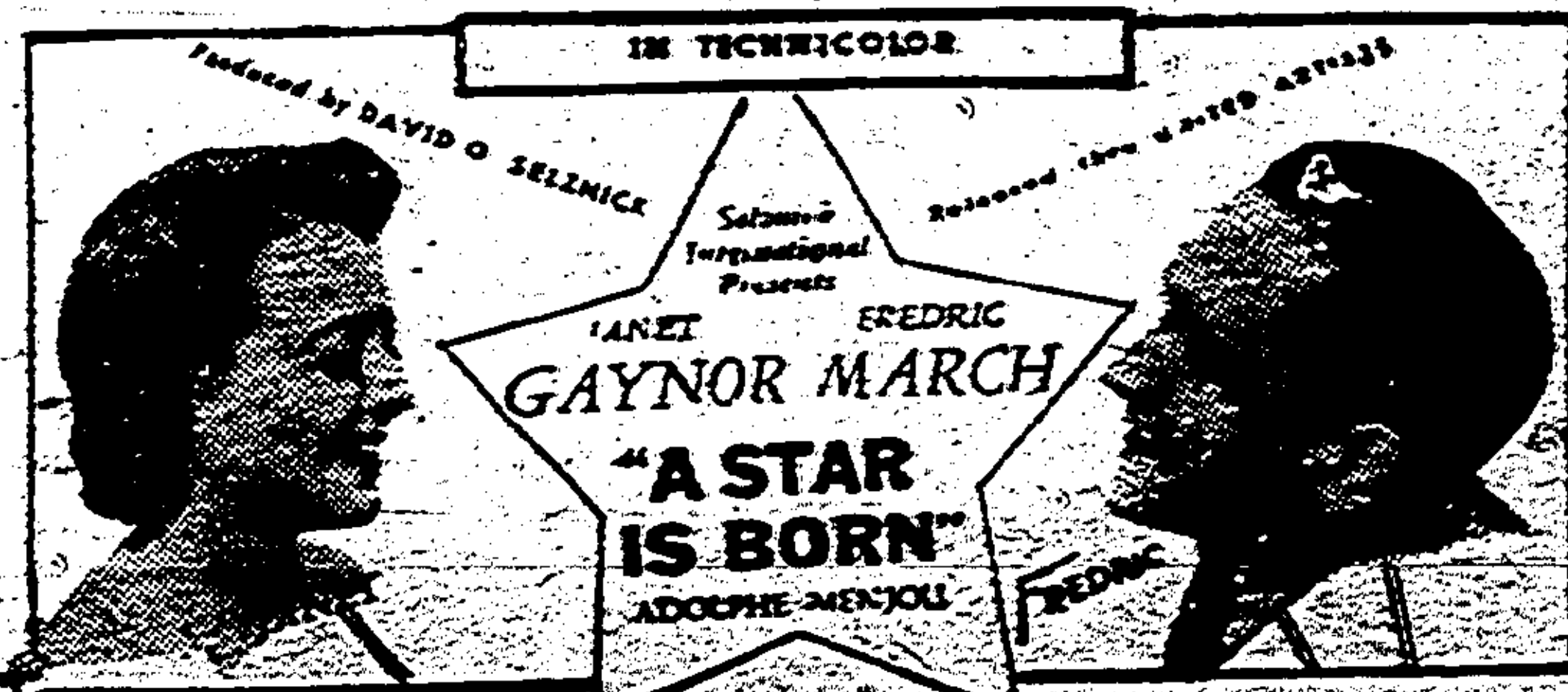
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St. Andrew's Ball at the Peninsula Hotel last night was a brilliant success, and a warm tribute to those chiefly responsible was paid by the Chieftain, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the course of the Official Supper.

To our honorary pipers under Pipe Major Mackie, he said, our thanks are abundantly due, as also to Mr. K. S. Morrison and his stewards for their choice of dances and music, and to Mr. Parkinson and his stewards for the arrangement of the commissariat. The decorations have again been in the hands of Andy Duncan, on whose shoulders the mantle of his father so fittingly rests.

Chieftain's Speech

In the course of his speech, proposing the toast to the Patron Saint Sir Atholl said:—

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen.—All over the world, wherever a few Scots are gathered together, it is our pleasant custom at this time of the year to honour our patron Saint, St. Andrew, and to offer true Scottish hospitality to our friends. It is my proud privilege as Chieftain to extend a very cordial welcome to all our guests, to express a confident hope that they are enjoying our Scottish revels, and to say to each of them "let good digestion wait on appetite," and may to-morrow's brightness not be marred by any clouds of regret.

We are particularly glad to welcome as our principal guests to-night His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote, and to express the hope that they will be very happy throughout their stay in Hong Kong. This is their first St. Andrew's Ball in Hong Kong, but we sincerely trust that they will honour us by attending many more. I would like to assure His Excellency of every support not only from the members of St. Andrew's Society but from everyone here, irrespective of nationality. (Applause).

Old Friends

While we extend a very warm welcome to our new friends we must not forget our old ones. Among the guests to-night is Mr. N. L. Smith who had the responsible task of administering the Government through some six very difficult months. His conduct of affairs and his invariable modesty of demeanour have, if indeed such a thing is possible, still further enhanced the respect and affection which everyone in Hong Kong has always felt for him.

Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen is unfortunately not yet strong enough to be with us to-night, but our ball is graced by Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen and her two daughters. I know you would all wish me to say how much we admired Sir Hugh's fortitude in suffering, how thankful we are that he is now on the road to recovery, and how fervently we hope that he will shortly be completely restored to health. (Applause).

Welcome To Seaforths

At the Burns' Night dinner in January this year my predecessor Mr. R. M. McLay had the pleasant duty of welcoming the Seaforth Highlanders to Hong Kong. It is now my privilege to express our pleasure at seeing so many of them with us to-night. We have got to know them, to admire them and to like them personally. The swing of the kilts and the skirl of the pipes are an unfailing sovereign tonic to us exiles from Scotland, and I doubt if, at least for many years past, there has been a more

popular regiment in Hong Kong. To their regimental pipers under Pipe Major MacLennan we are truly grateful for their grand music for the Highland and other Scottish dances to-night. (Applause).

Lieutenant Colonel Muirhead, who has commanded the Seaforth Highlanders during their stay in Hong Kong is leaving for home very shortly. When Colonel and Mrs. Muirhead sail they will take with them our very warmest wishes for their future happiness.

I would like to extend a hearty welcome to Major Wolfe Murray, no stranger to Hong Kong, who takes over command from Colonel Muirhead, and to Mrs. Wolfe Murray.

Scottish Modesty

So great is our Scottish racial modesty that it is only under extreme provocation that we can be induced to speak, except disparagingly, of ourselves or our beautiful country. This year however I cannot resist the temptation, for since we last met here a year ago we have seen the Coronation of a King who took to himself a Queen Elizabeth we would offer our humble duty and our unbounded loyalty and affection.

CABLE GREETING

Among cable greetings received by the H. K. St. Andrew's Society, were the following:

Batavia. Heartiest Greetings, McAl-lan Chieftain.
Rangoon. Greetings, Burma Caledonian Society.
Selangor. Greetings frae Brither Scots, Farquharson Chieftain.
Sandakan. Heartiest Greetings, Young Chieftain.
Amoy. Greetings from Amoy Scots, Murray Chieftain.
Yokohama and Tokyo. Greetings.
Kelantan. Greetings frae Brither Scots, Graeme Anderson, Chieftain.
Penang. Greetings frae Brither Scots, Husband Chieftain.
Malacca. Heartiest Greetings, Johnston Chieftain.
San Francisco. Cordial Greetings, McNab, President.
Perak. Heartiest Greetings, Scott Chieftain.
Taipei. Hearty Greetings from Taipei Scots.
Fochow. Heartiest Greetings from Fochow Scots.
Bangkok. Greetings frae Bangkok Scots, Cochran Chieftain.

**500 CHURCHGOERS
IN TEAR-GAS
OUTRAGE**

Members of the congregation of Folkestone Parish Church, assembled for a special service, suddenly found themselves attacked by tear gas. The clerk, Mr. J. Gibson, was temporarily blinded by the gas when he entered the vestry, which was filled with fumes. On reaching the churchyard for fresh air, he found two men whose eyes were also streaming.

It was at first thought that pellets containing tear-gas had been thrown into the vestry, but a tear-gas bomb was subsequently discovered in the churchyard under a chancel window.

"It is more than a practical joke," said the vicar, Canon Hyla Holden. "It is a fiendish thing to do, and it is difficult to give any explanation for such an outrage."

"I was in the church myself but was not affected though I noticed a beastly smell."

The congregation numbered about 500, but it appears that only people at one end near the chancel felt the effects of the gas.

Folkestone police are investigating.

DIVER WHO WAS "RUN OVER" ON THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA

Christmas eve spent 13 fathoms under the River Tay . . . Scraping for his life in the broken rock of the sea bed as a ship's keel pressed down on his back . . . Buried head first in a fallen bank of clay at the bottom of the Tyne . . .

These were some of the hair-raising tales from his 30 years of thrills as a deep sea diver, told me by Dan Godfrey, O.B.E., as we sat in his cabin on the salvage ship Humber, moored in the Medway above Sheerness, writes a correspondent.

For the past three seasons Dan has been diving from the Humber down to the wreck of the wartime dreadnought Bulwark, where she has lain for 20 years a twisted mass of rusting steel on the river bed.

"I learned diving in the Royal Naval Diving School at Sheerness in 1908," began Dan, and it was only a year afterwards that I had my first escape.

"And had it not been for the casual action of a seaman in picking up the receiver of my diver's telephone, I shouldn't have been sitting here telling you my story.

"One of the gangways of H.M.S. Vanguard collapsed as a crowd of men were leaving the ship, and threw them into the water. Ten of them were missed, and I had to go down to make a search.

"PULL ME UP"

"I landed waist-deep in mud—and found no air was coming through. In a few seconds my strength began to fail. I hadn't even enough left in me to put out my chin to ring my telephone bell.

"As I lost consciousness I heard myself gasping faintly, 'Pull me up . . . Pull me up . . .'

"The next thing I knew was that I was on the surface. Then I learned what had happened.

"Ordinarily, no one in the boat would touch the telephone unless I rang—but one of the men had casually picked up the receiver, put it to his ear and heard my whispered S O S coming through.

"When we examined the air pipe, we found that there was no washer in one of the connections, so that the air was escaping before it reached my helmet."

In his roaming all over the world, Dan has spent Christmas in some queer spots, but never one to queer as on Christmas Eve, 1912, when he was trapped for three hours in pitch darkness and icy cold 13 fathoms below the River Tay.

"H.M.S. Vulcan's large steam launch had sunk alongside," he said, "and I was sent down to prepare her for lifting.

"While I was busy, the launch suddenly lurched over and my pipe and life-line became pinned against her side under the Vulcan's heavy mooring chain.

UP WITH THE TIDE

"Fortunately, my air came through all right, but I could not give any signals to the boat above. All I could do was just to wait there till the rise of the tide released me.

"For three hours I was trapped there. But I came up with the tide."

Dan was awarded his O.B.E. for his services as a salvage worker down to the bottom of the hold under gunfire in the Dardanelles.

At home again, he worked with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary on the victims of enemy torpedoes and mines, helping to send Britain's crippled ships back into action.

It was while he was engaged in this work that he had one of the worst experiences.

"In 1917," he said, "I was working on the cargo boat Peregrine, which went ashore on Portland Bill, graveyard of so many a good ship.

"While I was under the bows, she suddenly began to descend on me, and before I realised what was happening she was already pressing on my back. I whipped out my knife, cut away my breast-weights and scooped away desperately at the broken rock below me.

"In a few seconds I had slipped out of danger—but if that bottom had been solid rock I would have been flattened out like a pancake.

"In 1919, when I was working on Lake Erie, an armed American merchantman which went down in the Bristol Channel," grinned Dan, "they said I had nine lives—and lost eight.

"One went when my life-line and pipe fouled some wreckage and I could not get to the surface. I cut my life-line and traced my pipe back to where it was curled about a gun on the poop.

"This was one of the toughest spots I ever was in.

"I was, fighting the tide. My air pump was worked from the side of the ship where it was partly above water at low tide.

WON BY THREE MINUTES

"The tide was rising, and unless I could free myself before it reached the pump, I was finished.

"I won by three minutes. When I got up they were pumping with the water lapping round their ankles, within two inches of the bottom valves of the pump."

During the seven seasons he worked on the cargo boat Cambank which was lost with a cargo of copper in 25 fathoms off Anglesea, Dan had more than one hairbreadth escape.

This is the tale he told me of one of them:

"I was working in the hold clamping copper ingots on to a chain, when I began to pant. My air was eased off. No signals came from above. My pipe and line were fouled in wreckage.

"It was the inspiration of one of the officers above which saved me. He gave me the 'Come up' on the chain, which he ordered to be slowly hove up.

"Another narrow squeak on the Cambank was when some ingots which were being hauled up, jammed in wreckage and my pipe and line were caught under the chain.

"My air was cut off and I knew that my only hope was to climb to the line above the jam and get a signal to the linesman.

"Being very heavy, with little air in my suit, it was near the impossible to climb up the air pipe.

"But somehow I managed it, and my last conscious act was to give a few weak 'lower-away' signals.

"They got them above—and the rush of air which came through when my line was released from the jam above the jam and get a signal to the linesman.

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ROOSEVELT IN FAVOUR OF TAX REVISION

Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt stated at a press conference yesterday that he wanted tax revision as soon as Congress is ready to go ahead with it.

At the same time he revealed that he had sent a letter to all government departments and agencies asking them to anticipate the requirements of supplies for the rest of the fiscal year.

He added that this should help to stimulate industry, although he explained that it would not be possible to do all government buying during the next month or two.

President Roosevelt emphasised that he did not want to fly in the face of critical editorial articles warning against undigested legislation and congressional rubber stamping.—Reuter.

SAN SALVADOR'S CAUTION

San Salvador, To-day.
Commenting on press reports of probable adhesion by San Salvador to the Anti-Comintern Pact, authoritative quarters here state that the Government so far has received no invitation to become party to the Pact.

If such an invitation should be forthcoming, the Government would thoroughly examine the question of adhesion before reaching a decision.

It is declared, however, that there is little inclination here towards adhesion to the Pact.—Trans-Ocean.

REGIME EQUIVALENT TO MARTIAL LAW IMPOSED IN TIENTSIN AREA

Tientsin, To-day.
THE Japanese military authorities and the police in the Chinese city and the special areas have instituted a regime equivalent to martial law following reports that plainclothes Chinese gunmen have arrived in Tientsin.

All Chinese entering and leaving Japanese occupied Chinese areas are being searched, while Japanese armed police are making house to house inspections.

Similar precautions are being taken in villages around Tientsin.

SUBURB SHOOTING

While no details are yet available, it is understood that a shooting affair occurred in a village in the southern suburbs, after which many arrests were made.—Reuter.

GRAVE TO BE OPENED IN SEARCH OF WILL

£4,000,000 Fortune

A grave is to be opened in Philadelphia in the hope of discovering a will to decide what is to happen to £4,000,000 estate left by Mrs. Henrietta Garrett, the widow of America's "snuff king," who died in 1930.

Permission for the disinterment has been granted to a protégée of Mrs. Garrett, a Mrs. Ferguson, who claims that she saw the will drawn and was one of the witnesses. More than 20,000 persons, some in England, have filed claims to the fortune in the past seven years.

GERMANY'S NEW SUBSTITUTE FOR CORK

Berlin, To-day.

Cork from potato parings is the latest product of German laboratories, where thousands of scientists are hard at work in assisting the Reich in its struggle for self-sufficiency through creation of substitute materials.

The Director of the Berlin Chemical Research Institute, Dr. Hans Mayer, exhibited the new product to-day.

In appearance and texture it cannot be distinguished from the genuine article, and Dr. Mayer emphasised that it was not a substitute for cork but the real thing.

He predicted that the day is not far distant when Germany will cease importing cork.—Trans-Ocean.

HORRORS OF CHINA WAR BROUGHT HOME TO BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The horrors of the China war have been brought home to millions of cinegoers in Britain by news films shot amidst the actual hostilities.

A real showing all over the country this week depicts the "doomed battalion" in Shanghai, and pitiable crowds of refugees trying to force their way into the International Settlement.

Before the audience had recovered from the horrific spectacle, the next instalment shows wildly gay rejoicings in Tokyo.

First performance of the film "China Fights for Her Freedom," was shown last night at a London meeting organised by the China Campaign Committee.

CHINA'S RESTRAINT

Mr. Cocker Brown, foreign secretary of the London Missionary Society, paid a tribute to the magnificent restraint shown by the Chinese people in the face of Japanese aggression.

He declared that even if China now was beaten to her knees, she would ultimately re-build herself into a great nation.

Miss Chu Chen Koo, daughter of Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to Paris, declared that the Chinese must resist the aggressor.

JAPAN'S SUFFERERS

Nevertheless, they did not bear hatred, since they were aware of the suffering of the peasants in Japan, some of whom had even committed suicide because they were unable to pay taxes.

The Chinese believed that if the sufferers in Japan knew the truth, they would not support the war.

The writer, Mr. Yao Shin-nung, declared the Chinese were determined to resist until the Japanese forces were entirely driven from Chinese soil.—Reuter.

BRITISH SHIP FOUNDERING NEAR HAITI

London, To-day.

A British steamer is foundering near Haiti, and reported yesterday that she was in difficulties with nine feet of water in the forward hold.

It is understood that some of the crew have been taken off by another British steamer which is still standing by.

All ships passing in the vicinity have been requested to look out for lifeboats or survivors.—Reuter.

DOMINICAN SUPERIOR GENERAL

The Very Rev. M. Gillet O. P., Superior General of the Dominican Order, who was due to arrive in Hong Kong last week, was unexpectedly detained in the Philippine Islands. He is leaving Manila to-day (Saturday) on the "President Taft", and will reach Hong Kong on Monday. On the following day he will continue his journey to Indo-China where he will remain for about a month, when he hopes to return and spend some time in Hong Kong.

MR. ATTLEE ON SPECIAL TRIP TO SPAIN

London, To-day.

Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party, intends to visit Spain at the invitation of the Republican Spanish Government.

Political circles say that Mr. Attlee will leave London next Thursday, and that he intends to discuss the general position in Spain.

Mr. Attlee will possibly be accompanied by two Labour M. P.s., Mr. Philip Noel Baker and Miss Ellen Wilkinson.—Trans-Ocean.

In passing through Paris, says British Wireless, Mr. Attlee will probably meet some of the French Socialist leaders. He expects to leave London next Thursday.—British Wireless.



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DR. SCHACHT RELIEVED OF MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS

General Goering To Act Until Middle Of January

HERR HITLER'S LETTER

Berlin, To-day.

Herr Hitler has relieved Dr. Hjalmar Schacht of his post as Minister of Economics, and has appointed him Minister without Portfolio in acknowledgment of his services.

Dr. Schacht remains President of the Reichsbank, while Herr Walther Funk, who was Secretary of State in the Propaganda Ministry, takes over the Ministry of Economics on Jan. 15. General Hermann Goering will act in this position in the interim.

Herr Hitler's letter to Dr. Schacht speaks of the extraordinary service Dr. Schacht has rendered as Economic Minister "to the new German Reich and to me. Therefore I was unable until now to comply with your request to give up the Ministry."

FOUR YEAR PLAN

After reference to linking up of the Four-Year Plan to the Ministry of Economics, the Fuehrer expresses the deepest gratitude for Dr. Schacht's excellent work, which he was confident Dr. Schacht would continue to place at the disposal of Germany as President of the Reichsbank.

"Satisfied that you will also in future be my personal adviser, I appoint you Reich Minister," the letter concludes.—Reuter.

OTHER CHANGES

Berlin, To-day.

Other changes necessitated by Dr. Schacht's resignation include appointment of Herr Hanke, ministerial councillor in the Propaganda Ministry as State Secretary in the same Ministry.

Dr. Dietrich, press chief of the Nazi Party, has been appointed State Secretary in the Propaganda Ministry as from January 15.

Dr. Dietrich will also be press chief for the Government.

Herr Hitler has also appointed the present State Secretary in the Reichs Chancellery, Dr. Lemmers, as Minister and Chief of the Reichs Chancellery.—Trans-Ocean.

HITLER'S LETTER

Berlin, To-day.

The text of Herr Hitler's letter to Dr. Schacht reads as follows:—

"My Dear Herr Schacht, On July 30, 1934, you declared that you would be prepared to undertake and conduct the business of the Economics Ministry during the illness of the then Minister, Dr. Schmidt.

"Since then, by carrying on the duties of this position, you have rendered the new German Reich and myself extraordinarily valuable services.

AMALGAMATION

"Therefore I have been hitherto unable to make up my mind to accord the wish so often expressed by you in the last year or two, to

retire from the position of head of this Ministry.

"But amalgamation of the Economics Ministry with the office charged with execution of the Four-Year Plan has at last become inevitable on account of the great increase of apparatus involved in putting the Plan into effect.

"This enables me at last to give due consideration to the reasons you adduced recently in renewing your request for release from responsibility at the Economics Ministry.

EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENTS

"In acceding to your wish I desire to give expression to my profoundest sense of thankfulness for your excellent achievements in the happy consciousness that in the capacity of Reichsbank President you will for many years more place your conspicuous knowledge and ability and your untiring efforts at the service of the German people and myself.

"Deeply gratified that you are willing in future to remain my personal counsellor, I appoint you as from to-day Reich Minister, and remain yours in service to the Fatherland, Adolf Hitler."—Trans-Ocean.

SHEIKH SAADI'S EXECUTION CAUSES DISMAY

Jerusalem, To-day.

The forthcoming execution of Sheikh Saadi is causing dismay throughout Palestine where the reprieve of the condemned Arab leader has been generally expected.

Tension finds expression in the distribution of leaflets in Jerusalem, Haifa and the northern districts of the country where the execution is announced to take place on Sunday morning and similar precautions are being taken in the whole of North Palestine.

The Egyptian paper "Mokatan," which violently attacked the measures of the Mandatory Government in Palestine, has been confiscated by the Mandatory authorities and its entry into Palestine prohibited for one month.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY INCREASES RUBBER TAX

Berlin, To-day.

It is officially announced that the import tax on rubber has been increased from 125 to 160 marks per double cwt., as from Dec. 1. The tax was introduced on May 13 to help in financing Germany's costly synthetic rubber.—Reuter.

MOORS AS SHOCK TROOPS ON ARAGON FRONT

Barcelona, To-day.

Furious National attacks on the Government positions on the road from Ornadegallejo to Sabinanigo and in the Aragon sector, are claimed to have been repulsed with heavy casualties after a fierce all-night battle in which Moors were used by the Nationalists as shock troops.

This is according to reports from Government headquarters on the north-west front.

Nationalist planes again bombed Barcelona yesterday but damage was slight.—Reuter.

The K.C.C. are holding a dance at the clubhouse on Saturday next, commencing at 9.30 p.m.

M. CHAUMPS TRIUMPH IN CHAMBER

Paris, To-day.

The seeming crisis over the Civil Servants Salaries Bill ended in one of the greatest triumphs ever experienced in the Chamber of Deputies by a French Premier.

M. Chaumpey's speech on the Bill, delivered at 2 o'clock in the morning, was entirely frank and hid nothing, and his candour had its intended effect, the Communists and Socialists rallying, as one speaker put it, "to prevent a breach in the Popular Front" at this critical moment.

The Communists had been foremost in opposing the Bill, but when the vote was taken at 5 a.m., swung round and supported the Premier en masse. He received his vote of confidence by 518 votes to six.—Trans-Ocean.

ENGLAND'S SMALLEST INN SOLD

The Smiths Arms, Godmanstone, reputed to be the smallest inn in Great Britain, has been sold by auction at Dorchester for £800. Most of the village, which has only about 100 inhabitants was also disposed of.

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Listen!

"The Oriental is not horrified by the death of thousands. He is not horrified by death at all, not even by his own."

"Nor has he any tradition toward especial care and protection for women and children. His history has included no age of chivalry."

These are not the words of some heartless harriidan, of some unnatural war fiend, but of a woman,

Pearl Buck, who when she discusses China and Japan is on a subject she has studied and learnt to understand.

Of the Oriental generally, the authoress of "The Good Earth" writes "Readers' Digest"; "To him it is folly to talk about zones of safety or the protection of non-combatants."

"In his mind there never has been such a thing as fair play in war or distress. Lives of non-combatants are considered of no more value than any other, which is to say they have no value at all."

"Japan and China will fight with equal ferocity, treachery and cruelty, for they have nothing in them to balance the inhuman power of the weapons the West has sold them."

"Of the weapons the West has sold them."

Let us dry our tears here in the West, lest the lion be recognised as

half a crocodile.

The massacres are horrible—but the West provides the instruments they use.

Let us save our indignation here,

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and economise in righteousness.

War in the West would be just as foul.

To-day being Annoyance Day, let us turn to Snobbery, a good second to war for making people hot under the collar.

Do you then agree with these Hints for Snobs? I know you're not a snob, Montgomery, but you must know someone who is. Here are some hints for him.

Babies.—Babies are thoroughly good form just now, though Snobs are advised that the boom may not last indefinitely. Boy babies continue to be slightly better form than girl babies.

Dress.—Either very new clothes or very, very old ones.

Public Schools.—The Snob should jeer at all of them: but he must have been to one of them.

Literature.—If you must read, read American writers—all very good form just now, except Hemingway, which was last year.

Work.—A drab subject, but publishing, the Services, law, interior decoration and the Hong Kong Broadcasting Committee are still pretty well thought of. You can run a rose-petal jam sort of hotel without losing caste, provided you wear old grey dannel pants.

Whatever your work, it must, of course, be something "definitely amusing."

That counts me out. I'm afraid.

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FRENCH VISIT TO LONDON

Premier And M. Delbos Arriving To-morrow Night

LORD HALIFAX MAY PARTICIPATE IN SOME OF TALKS

London, To-day.

The French Premier, M. Camille Chautemps, and the Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, arrive in London at 9.30 on Sunday night for their consultations with British statesmen.

The conversations will open at 10, Downing Street at 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

It is understood that Lord Halifax, the Lord President of the Council, will participate in some of the talks.

The Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, will entertain the visitors at lunch at 11, Downing Street, on Monday, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, will give a dinner in their honour in the evening.

A lunch party at the French Embassy on Tuesday will enable the visitors to meet other members of the Cabinet, after which M. Chautemps and M. Delbos will leave for Paris.—Reuter.

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

The French Prime Minister, Monsieur Chautemps, accompanied by the Foreign Minister, Monsieur Delbos, is expected in London on Monday morning for an exchange of view on the international situation with Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Mr. Anthony Eden.

They will travel by the night train ferry service from Paris.

After conversations on Monday morning at No. 10, Downing Street, the French Ministers will lunch at No. 11, Downing Street where the Prime Minister is still resident, during alterations to No. 10.

In the evening, the Foreign Secretary will give a dinner party for M. Chautemps and M. Delbos at his private residence.—British Wireless.

AUDIENCE BARRED THE DOOR

Minister 'Imprisoned' In Own Hall

The Rev. J. H. Hill, minister of Brampton Mount Methodist Church, Chesterfield, was "imprisoned" for four hours in the church hall by members of the congregation, who demanded an explanation of a recent incident.

During the stormy meeting, a woman fainted and had to be carried out.

When Mr. Hill began to speak he was shouted down by the audience. They demanded to know why the door of the church had been locked against members of the Bourne League last Sunday.

The League is a church organisation, of which the minister is president.

When Mr. Hill tried to leave, men arranged themselves against the door and allow him to pass.

POLICE SEEK BOY KILLER'S GIRL FRIENDS

Schoolgirls who wrote passionate letters to eighteen-year-old Paul Dwyer, the South Paris, Maine, "Adonis," begging him for affection, heard to their horror that he was the self-confessed killer of the town's beloved family doctor and his wife.

At North Arlington, New Jersey, where the handsome, dark-eyed Paul was arrested with the bodies of his aged victims, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Littlefield, in the back of his car, police pored over the young killer's thirty-two love letters.

These were found stuffed in Paul's pockets and in a "love-chest" he had flung into the well of the car with the bodies.

Detectives are amazed at the uncanny influence the boy wielded over schoolgirls. They were searching South Paris for five girls, known only by their Christian names—Barbara, Ruth, Arlene, Margie and Molly—whose letters were in the chest.

"Dear Little Hubby . . ."

The South Paris schoolmistress will "grill" her pupils to find Paul's sweethearts.

Scrawled in girlish handwriting, a note from "Barbie" begins: "Dear little hubby,—I love you more than is good for little girls," and ends, "Everlasting love, your wife."

Another letter from "Barbie" says:

"I wanted you like anything. Every single thing I do is for you, and I try to be the way you want me."

Another note, signed "Babs," reads: "I gave you everything I could, darling, because I love you."

An unsigned note ends:

"Hiya, darling. Here's how I feel about you. Hot potatoes and ginger snaps. Wahoo, kiss me quick, fickle."

Paul killed Dr. Littlefield "because he said something nasty" about one of his sweethearts.

Then, decoying the doctor's wife into his car, drove for two days across New England with her husband's body before strangling her.

Members said they were not satisfied with the explanation that had been given.

END OF STEEL SHORTAGE NOW IN SIGHT

Rapid Increase In Supplies

IMPORT DUTIES MAY BE RAISED

The steel shortage is believed to be ending several months earlier than was expected. Available supplies of essential materials are rapidly increasing.

A variety of circumstances has contributed to the improvement. Scrap supply is now far more plentiful than had been anticipated some months ago, and a substantial tonnage is being absorbed.

Imports of scrap rose last month to 144,000 tons, a figure which would have been thought phenomenal at the start of the steel trade "boom."

The recently achieved daily rate of pig-iron production is the highest since 1920. Home production of ore is rapidly expanding. Imports from Spanish Morocco have been resumed, and the difficulty over supplies from Northern Spain has been largely overcome.

The duties on imported steel, may be reviewed in the immediate future.

The remarkable change in the circumstances of the steel industry since the duties were reduced in July has led to the spread of an opinion that they should be restored in full at the first possible opportunity.

Committee Approached

Representations have been made to the Import Duties Advisory Committee, which is responsible for making any recommendation.

The steel import duties were reduced from an average of 30 per cent. to 12½ per cent. on licensed imports and to 2½ per cent. on quota imports.

As the situation grew more and more difficult and fulfilment of contracts, including Government ones, grew more difficult, the Government agreed to maintain the reduction of duties until March 31 next.

The Government adheres to the principle of regulation of steel imports by tariff. It is its wish, now that the steel trade is resuming smooth working, to restore full equilibrium by the adjustment of duties as soon as practicable.

ANSWERS TO 10,000 QUESTIONS

A New Encyclopedia

Part 1 of "Everybody's Enquire Within," a new type of encyclopedia containing answers to 10,000 questions, is on sale in England. It will be issued weekly in 62 parts at 7d, finally forming a two-volume work with 9,000 illustrations and a 22-page index.

One of the questions dealt with in the first part is "Has the Royal Family a Surname?" The answer is that neither Plantagenet nor Guelph was a surname. Tudor may have been, and Stuart certainly was, but the present King has no surname.

Another subject investigated is the authorship of "God Save the King," first sung in public in 1740 to celebrate the taking of Portobello by Adml. Vernon in the previous year.

"Of what use are a cat's whiskers" is the first question answered, and others are: "What is a Fuehrer?", "Was St. George an Englishman?", "Is our skin waterproof?", "How do illiterate Indians know how to vote?" and "Should rabbits be lifted by their ears?"

Many popular beliefs are challenged. In answer to "Is a Bagpipe a Scottish Instrument?" it is pointed out that the instrument was used by Hebrews, Greeks and Romans.

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WINE v. MILK!

Dr. C. Louis Leipoldt, that uncompromising champion of the essential goodness of the good things of life, launched a vigorous counter-attack recently upon the enthusiasts of various denominations who condemn wine—tap, bung and barrel. Wine, according to Dr. Leipoldt, is a natural and wholesome beverage. He feels, in the words of Chesterton—

"If an angel out of heaven
Bring you other things to drink

Thank him for his kind intentions,

Go and pour them down the sink."

Had he been content to follow Chesterton in consigning to the sink merely tea, coffee, cocoa and the "windy waters," the opposing factions would, no doubt, have lined up in their familiar battle order, temperance champions on the one side and the farmers' association on the other. But Dr. Leipoldt goes further. He would have milk, that gracious symbol of human kindness, poured down the same sink. And by this, of course, he must necessarily produce a profound cleavage in the ranks of the farming community.

Will dairymen tamely submit to this attack upon their produce, even if launched in the interests of the wine farmer? Will they allow to pass unchallenged Dr. Leipoldt's sweeping assertion that the issue of free milk to children is a worthless pursuit of the misconceived ideals of Geneva faddists? The very cows themselves should rise up in protest against this gross impeachment. And the farmer, returning from his vineyards, will be hard put to it to find convincing words to assuage the wrath of his neighbour in the cattle byre. The medical aspects may be left to the medical men, although even on this score the ancient wisdom of the proverbs is not silent. One of these, in old English jargon, gave it as a recipe for long life that milk should be washed from the liver. But this at least presupposes the drinking of milk. Even the French, who have a most proper taste and respect for wine, are prepared to admit the use of milk as a beverage, merely adding, according to their folklore, that wine on milk is good; milk on wine is poison. And perhaps in some such manner as this the dairymen and the wine farmers will compose their differences, each recognising the virtue of the other's product, provided it is taken in the right way and at the right time.

A Plain Tale

Unofficial London continues to puzzle itself over the plain tale of the sea connected with H.M.S. Basilisk. Her experiences have been related over and over again,

and not only in Britain, but all over Europe, and of this story it may now be said, in the words of the Grand Inquisitor, that "in the entire annals of our history there is absolutely no circumstance so entirely free from all manner of doubt of any kind whatever." On October 4 it was authoritatively reported that the destroyer had been attacked by a submarine off the coast of Spain. Detective apparatus had given warning of the presence of the submarine, and the torpedo had been reported by officers and men on watch. Moreover, the manoeuvres of the ships had been observed with interest from the shore. No possible doubt of that. Depth charges were dropped by Basilisk and her partner, and later reports established the plain fact that the submarine had either been sunk or had not.

About a week later there followed an official statement that no attack had been made on the Basilisk. The news was perhaps unexpected, but quite unambiguous. From foreign sources two explanations have been forthcoming. The German Press attributed to the Admiralty a confession that the torpedo was in fact a dolphin. Apparently the peculiar characteristics of this fish-like mammal were only recognised by the sailors a week after the incident. The need for extreme vigilance and prompt action puts the mistake within the bounds of possibility, but the more likely answer is that the creature which impersonated a torpedo was itself a basilisk hatched out by a serpent from a cock's egg. Italy prefers the theory that the watch on the Basilisk was drunk. The least knowledge of the habits and the discipline of British ships at sea puts this explanation further from the bounds of possibility than the "basilisk theory." So there we leave it. One more fact emerges free from all shadow of doubt. The waters of the Middle Sea are no more healthy for "dolphins" than for submarines.

Kind Word for

Old England

Ardent patriots who like to collect tributes to Britain by visitors from other lands should certainly make a note of one just paid by Prince Birabongse, who comes from Siam and who, under the name of "B. Bira," is known as a racing motorist of distinction. It is short, to the point, and admirable in every way: "Anybody who is allowed to live in this country at all should be very pleased."

That is certainly a welcome change from "I think your London police are wonderful." And let it be noted that it was said in circumstances that lend a still higher polish both to the tribute and to the maker of it. For the Prince had just been convicted of dangerous driving in Warwickshire, had been fined £10, and had had his road licence temporarily suspended. Did he grumble when an enterprising pressman asked him what he thought about the English speed-limit? Not at all. His full reply ran:

Laws are made to be kept, and it is not my business to say anything against them. Anybody who is allowed to live in this country at all should be very pleased. My conviction was very fair.

Make A Million—It's So Easy!

Here are \$5,000,000 worth of ideas—given to me by men who have each made a million or more, writes a correspondent.

From time to time I have met millionaires like Andrew Mellon, Thomas Edison, Jules Bache, Walter Teagle, who controls the Rockefeller oil millions, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and many other international figures, and have jotted down their "hunches" about what might be called "things waiting to be discovered."

All told me human progress seems to manifest itself in a series of dynamic spurts, now in one field of effort, now in another. Just now we are living in an age of lavish discovery of physical laws.

Keeping this in mind, all were willing to give me an idea, each worth a million. Any of the following ideas might create fabulous fortunes for the men who work them out—or they might not. It all depends on whether, in addition to inventive genius, they possessed the business sense to secure the fruits of their invention.

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Any electric company will sign a blank cheque for the patent rights on this idea. Anyway, they will give you at least a million for it.

Up to the present, the use of electricity has been largely confined to WIRED electrical waves. The radio hints at the possibilities of electrical waves, transmitted without wires. One millionaire says that short waves possess miraculous properties, and may develop an industry totally different from anything we have yet witnessed.

FLEXIBLE GLASS

Central heating has been a wonderful improvement in household comfort. Invent a central cooling plant and there's another million waiting for you.

Unbreakable glass has already been invented, and rapid strides are being made with flexible glass. Complete the present research, patent your idea, and eventually all motor-cars, and perhaps homes, will be equipped with it.

LAW SUIT OVER BILL OF 12 YEARS AGO

£15 Pair Of Gloves

Mrs. Wilfred Nicholls, formerly Miss Barbara Vanderbilt, was called before a Paris Appeal Court and asked to swear on oath that she had paid £1,000 in settlement of a bill for clothes bought in New York 12 years ago. The bill was for numerous items, such as a pair of ball shoes, \$30, an umbrella, £15, and a pair of gloves, £15.

The New York store, which claims that the bill has never been paid, brought an action against Mrs. Nicholls in 1925, when she had settled in France after her divorce. Judgment will be given.

Used Stamps Maintain Cot In Hospital

Ten tons of used postage stamps—mainly of the common or garden English halfpenny, penny and three-halfpenny varieties—have brought a fortune of more than £1,000 to a child's cot.

Mr. C. H. Bessell, secretary of the Queen's Hospital for Children, Bethnal Green, told how it happened.

"The stamps showered in upon us in the past 12 months," he said. "They included Jubilees, 'Abdication Edwards' and Coronation issues, and we sold them to dealers for export as 'foreign stamps' for a sum exceeding £1,000. English stamps, of course, become 'foreign stamps' in places abroad."

"Purchasers abroad have indirectly endowed child's cot in our institution."

Mr. Bessell emphasised that the Queen's is one of the poorest of the children's hospitals, which has had to resort to all sorts of novel devices to raise funds for the treatment of the large number of patients dealt with each year.

THEY WON'T TAKE THEIR OWN MONEY

DIVIDEND PUZZLE IGNORED

Here is a man who is trying to induce people to take money they do not seem to want.

He is Mr. Graham Cunningham, a company director, of Albemarle-street, London, and he has set himself the peculiar task of tracking down small investors who do not claim their dividends.

Tens of thousands of pounds are on companies' books as unclaimed dividends, and many have been accumulating over a period of years.

"I am amazed at the carelessness of many small investors," said Mr. Cunningham. "If you were able to inspect that books of all the large companies, you would find that vast sums are now lying idle."

LAZY "CULPRITS"

"This gives companies much trouble, as all this money has to be carried forward year after year."

"You would think, wouldn't you, that investors must be wealthy people with money to throw away? But it is exactly the opposite. Most of them are just small investors with a few pounds invested."

"It is usually just carelessness or laziness. They put the dividend warrants in their drawers and then forget about them."

"Recently I have set out to track down the culprits in the companies with which I am associated. One person I found had not bothered about his dividend for five years. Another went away, but eventually I traced him to a small town in Canada."

"Those who have script certificates, of course, I cannot trace. In those cases I find out when the last dividend was banked and the name of the bank in question. Then I write to the bank manager and ask him to approach his customer."

The stamp-collectors' cot was started 30 years ago, and has been maintained with varying fortunes, for the used stamp market is a difficult one to negotiate.

"A number of friends agreed," Mr. Bessell said, "to tear the stamps from every postal communication they received, and to send them to the hospital. Later, groups of collectors were formed, and we sold the stamps by weight, sometimes raising a few pounds—sometimes considerably more."

"To-day, all sorts of individuals and groups are helping us. A number of schools are collecting the stamps. So are women's guilds, scout troops, and associations of municipal employees."

SOLD BY WEIGHT

"The past year's total weight of stamps was 10 tons. And we can do with tons and tons more."

Mr. Bessell explained that the hospital staff does not sort the stamps. Friends send them in, in appropriate bundles. Supporters abroad supply used stamps of the countries in which they live.

"A few special specimens we may sell direct," he said, "but the bulk go by weight. Prices vary, according to the trend of events. But our scheme proves that even the ordinary English postage stamp has not completed its usefulness when it has passed through the post."

In one London school, every pupil has been invited to donate each week all the used stamps received, franking the household mail. Most of the children are enthusiastic over the scheme, and large quantities of stamps are contributed each term.

CAPTAIN DIES AS TUG NEARS PORT

Ship's Tragic Voyage

When the harbour tug Sir William Macintosh, a vessel of 226 tons and only 100 feet in length, arrived at Southampton from Lagos, on the West Coast of Africa, she had in one of her cabins below decks the body of her master, Capt. W. Barnes, aged 58, of Sunderland. He died as the ship was nearing Portland. He was the third of a complete

"SLEEPING BEAUTY'S" VICTIMS

Somewhere out in the mid-Pacific death has overtaken three women who were crossing from America in a tiny yacht—and carrying with them evidence that would have solved one of Australia's weirdest murder mysteries.

The story begins in August, 1934, when a beautiful blonde girl was found dead on the main road from Sydney to Albury. She was dressed only in a pair of pyjamas of heavy yellow silk, the trousers of which were singed. She had a terrible wound in the skull, obviously caused by some blunt instrument.

Nobody knew who she was, or how she came to be on the road.

Her body was preserved in alcohol in the Sydney Pathological Institute, and there it has lain for three years, looking for all the world as if the girl were only asleep.

WORLD-WIDE SEARCH

More than three thousand people have come to identify her, but her identity has remained a mystery. Seven hundred and twenty clues have been followed up in France, Germany, the United States, Japan and China. None of them led to anything.

Then an American woman visiting Sydney thought she recognised the victim of the murder as a former school companion. She returned to America, began investigations, and then wrote to the Sydney police that she was returning to Australia with all the proofs of the identity of the murdered girl.

She undertook the journey in a yacht accompanied only two other women—and they foundered in mid-ocean.

So Australia's sleeping beauty mystery remains unsolved.

ment of 13 to die during the 14,000-mile voyage from Cape Town.

Before the ship left Cape Town Mr. W. Dodds, the engineer, died on board from heart failure, and in the terrific heat which was experienced on the African West coast several members of the crew fell ill, one, a greaser named P. C. Thompson, a South African, dying before the tug reached Takoradi. His body was taken ashore for burial, and six other men were admitted to hospital.

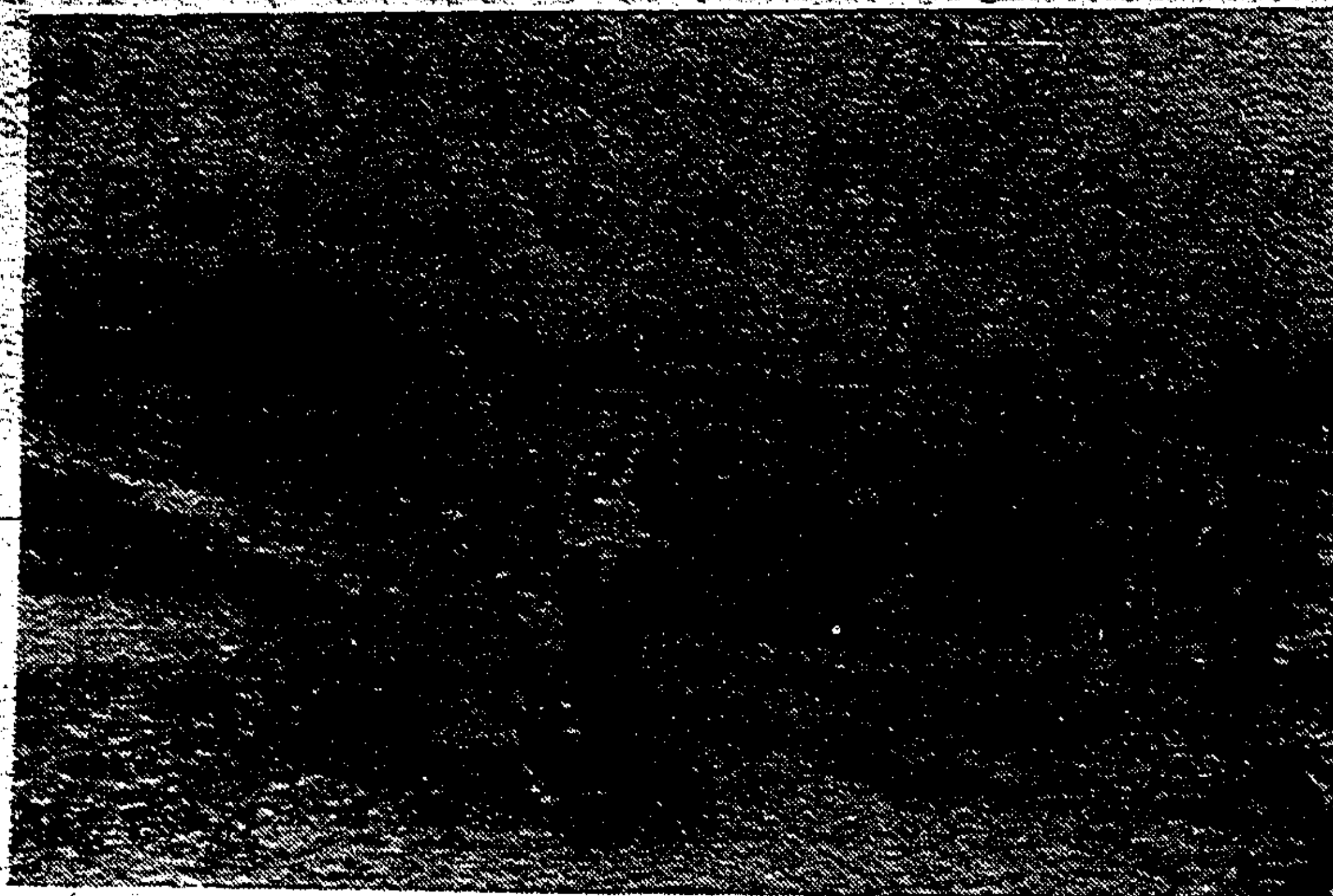
They were all able to rejoin the ship after treatment except Mr. Warrington, the second mate.

Those who know—
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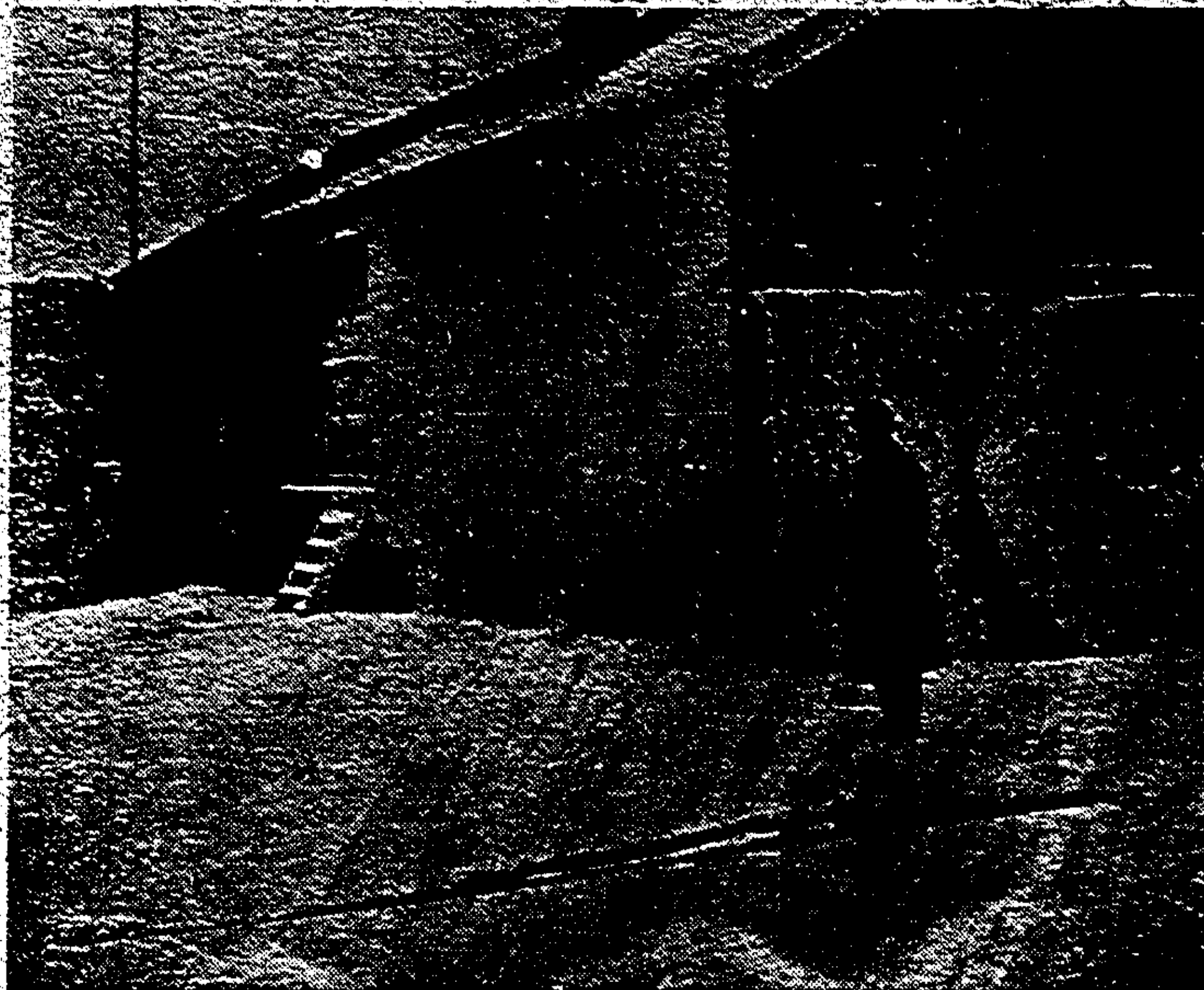
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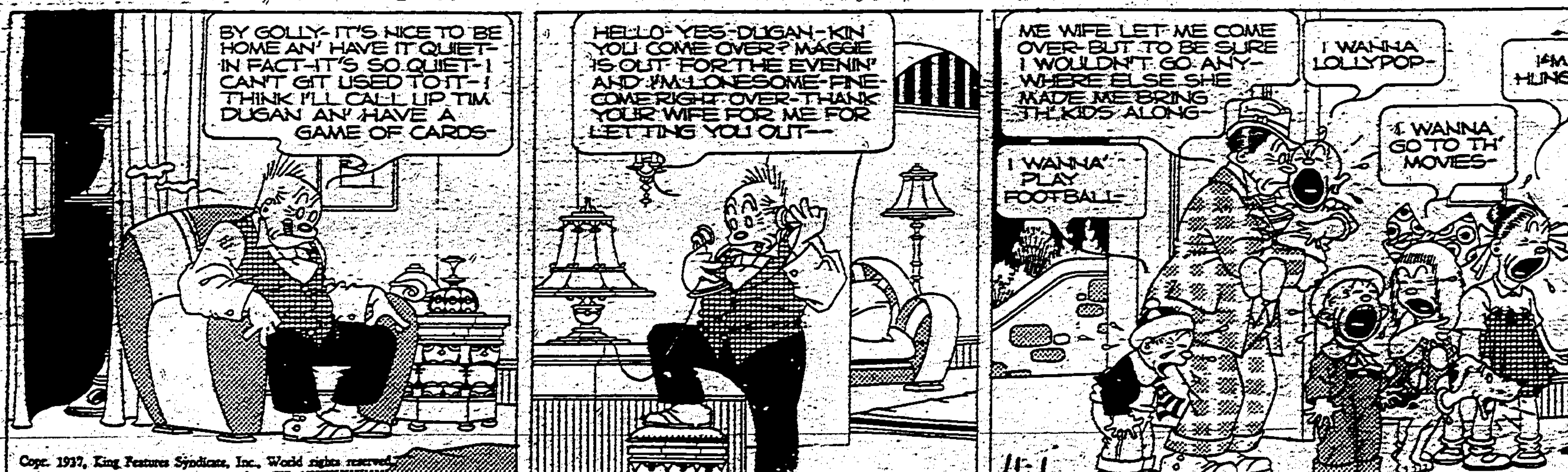
No, It's Not A Snowstorm! Startling demonstrations of the latest fire-fighting appliances were given at Cheltenham the other day before members of Fire Brigades from all parts of England. Photo shows—This "snowstorm" effect was made during a fire-fighting demonstration with the latest foam liquid. This foam, it is claimed, will quickly smother a building or even an oil-fire. (Fox Copyright).



The Gateway To The World. Southampton Docks with its remarkable facilities to cater for all ships of every nationality from small steamers to the Queen Mary, nearly 82,000 tons, is known as the Gateway to the World. Photo shows—Opening the gates to the second largest ship in the world, the Queen Mary, off to the United States again. (Fox Copyright).

(Left)—A good ration for the Pelican. A Keeper at the London Zoo pouring cod liver oil from the can into a pelican's beak. (Fox Copyright).

Bringing Up Father



KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED





Classes for ladies, which are proving most popular, have been introduced at the Finchley Golf Club. Keith Dalby, the well-known professional. Photo shows—A driving lesson for his pupils. Mr. Dalby is giving a golf-class at Finchley. (Fox Copyright).



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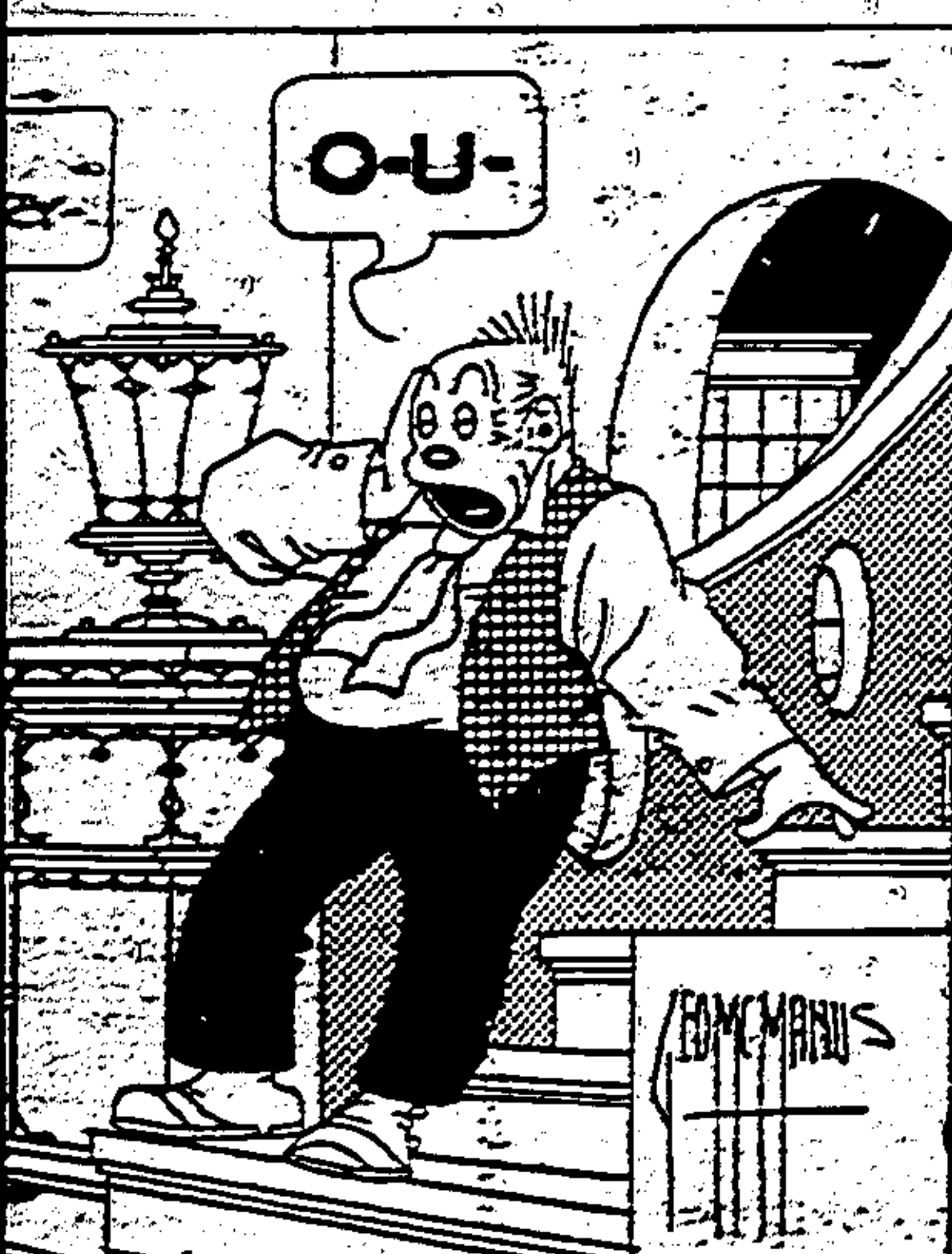
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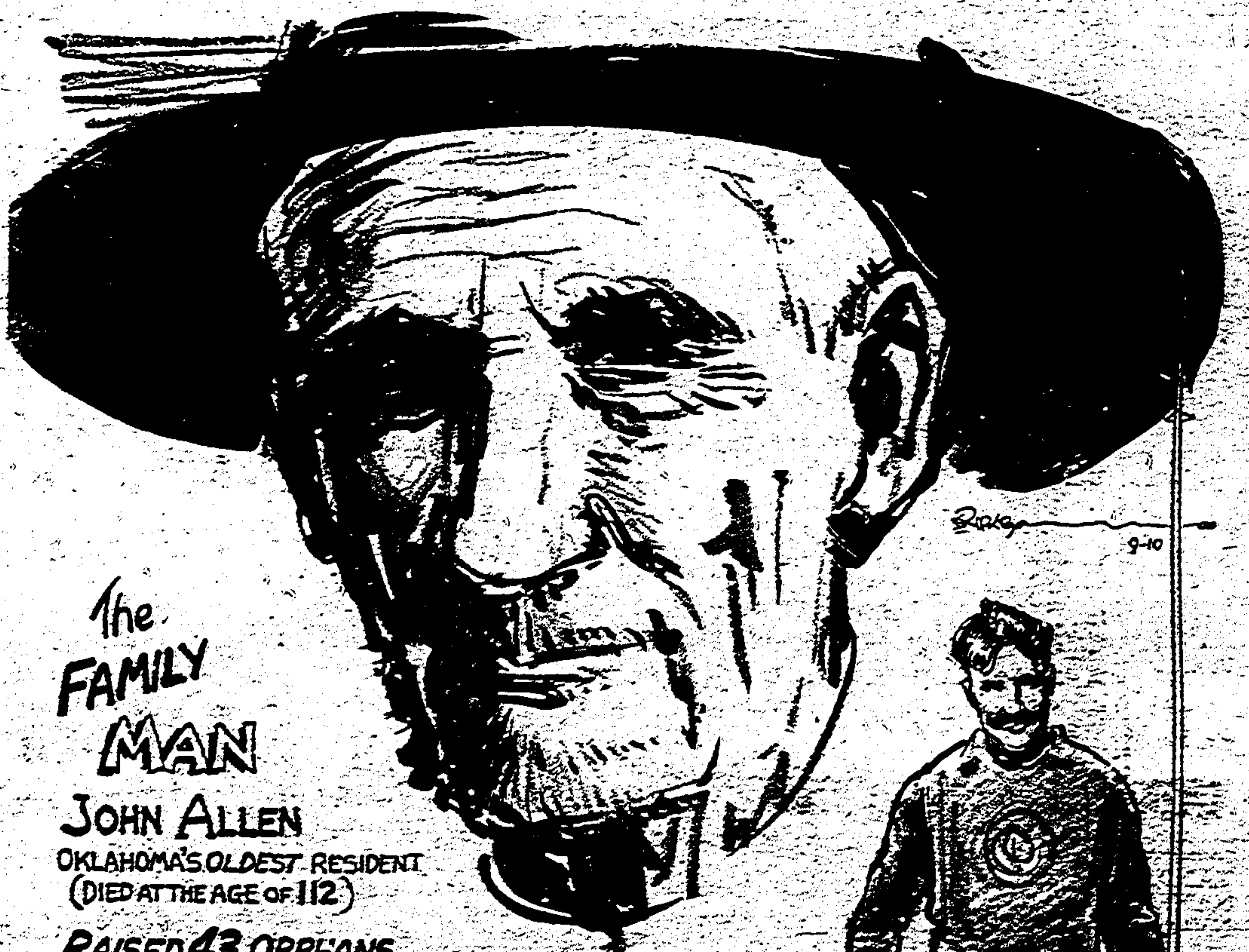


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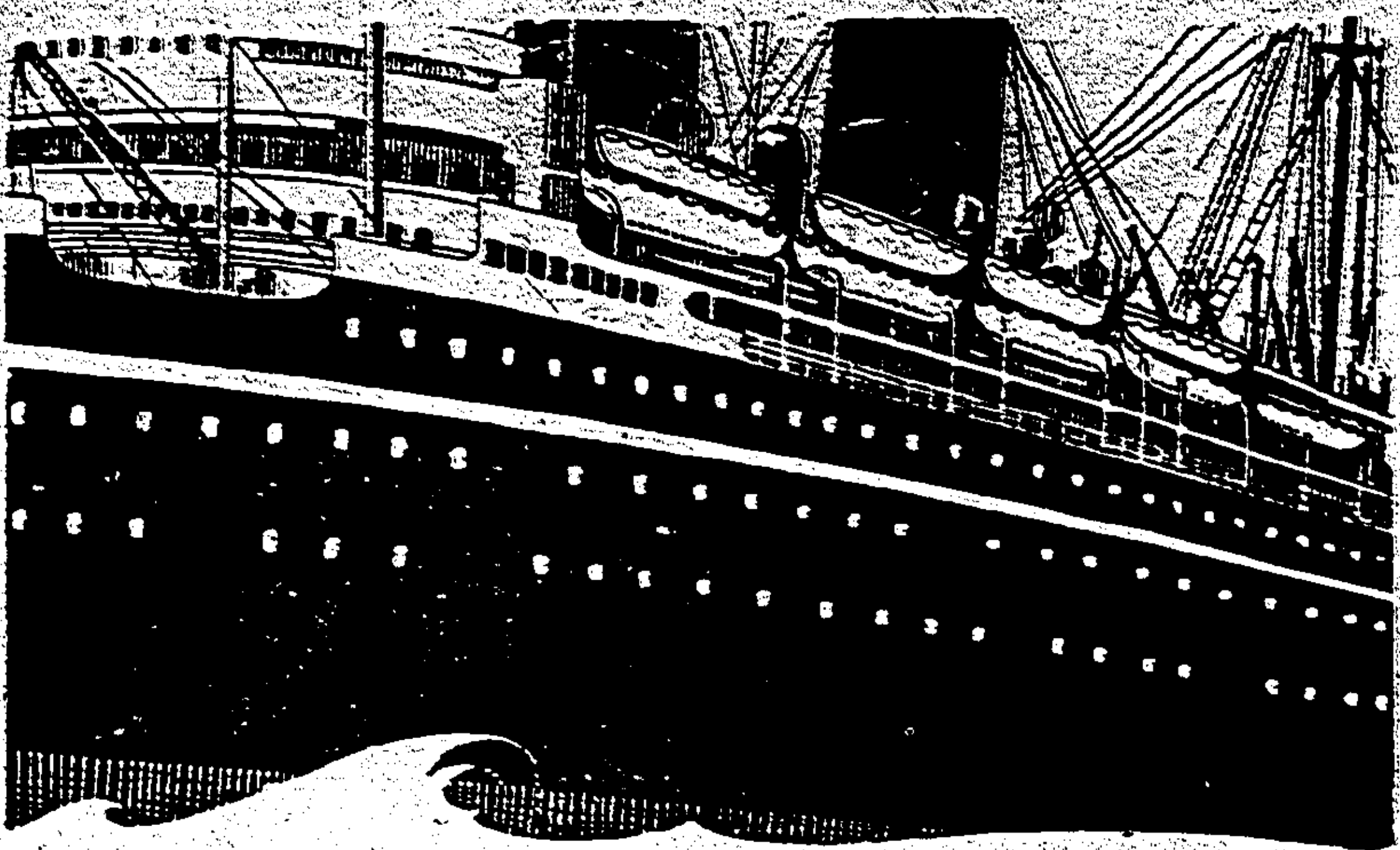
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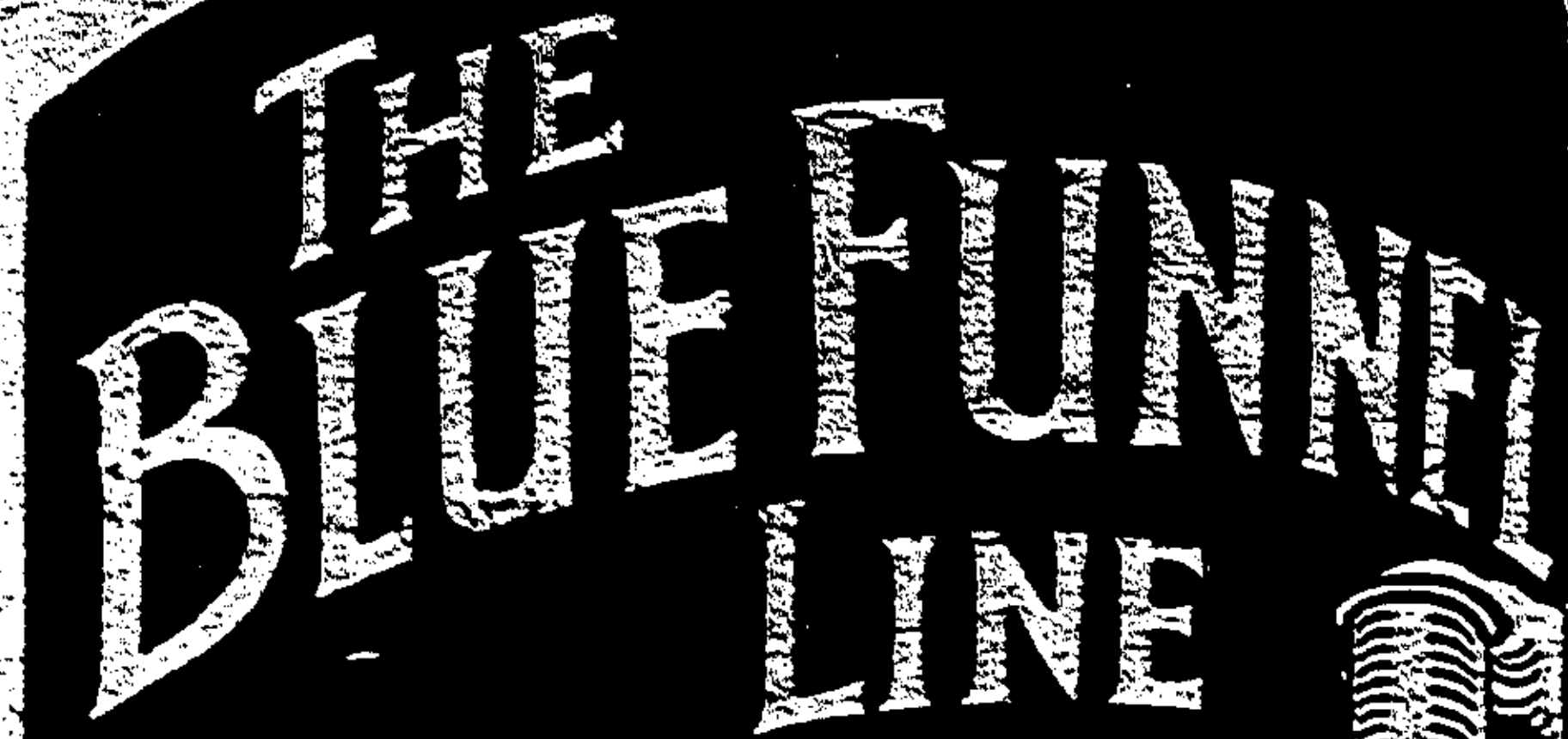
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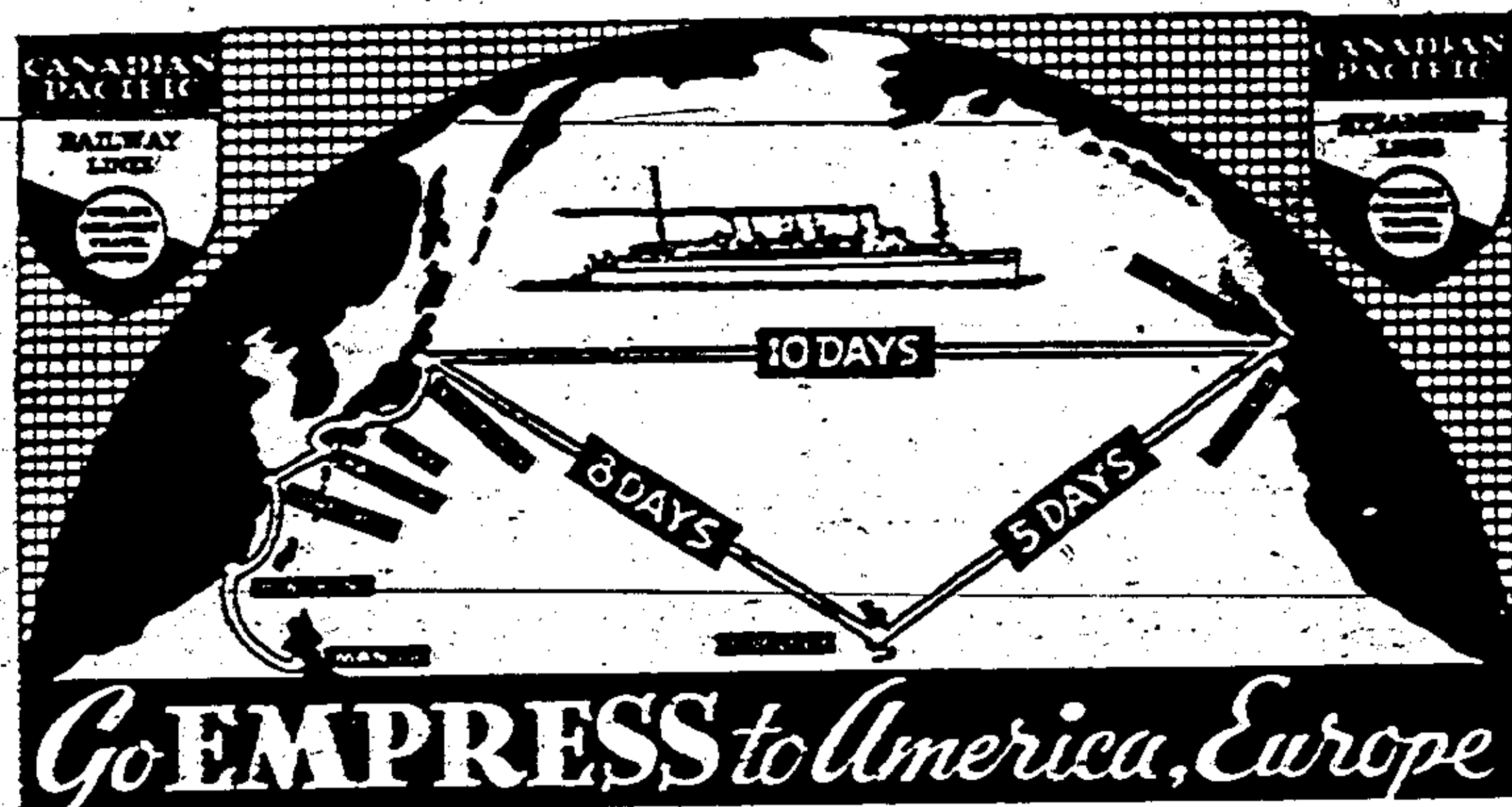
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ONE DISADVANTAGE

It must be pointed out, however, that it has not been found possible to maintain equally advantageous connections to Malaya and Australia. The total transit time Brisbane/Hong Kong and vice versa will be increased to 9 days whilst to Singapore it will be 5 days. This increase in the present transit time of 5 days to Brisbane and 2 days to Singapore is due entirely to unfavourable connections at Bangkok but it may be pointed out that certain alterations are in view, namely:

- (i) The new route Hong Kong-Bangkok is approximately 300 miles shorter than the present route Hong Kong/Penang. It

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- (ii) The land-planes in use between England and Australia are gradually being replaced by the Empire Flying Boats prior to the application of the "All Mail by Air" Scheme to the Australian route.

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It will be appreciated, therefore, that regular operation of the Empire Flying Boat from London as far as Singapore may be anticipated in the near future, the greatly increased speed of these aircraft producing further accelerations in schedule and consequential alterations in time-table.

TEMPORARY MEASURE

The present time-table must therefore be regarded as a temporary measure, and it is hoped that the connections at Bangkok will be adjusted in the near future to provide a faster schedule to Australia.

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The Golden Text will be: "Do they not err that devise evil? But mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good." (Proverbs 14:22).

Among others, the following citations from the Bible will be read: "And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand: There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things that come out of him, those are they that defile the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (Mark 7:14, 15, 21-23; Isa. 55:7; James 4:7).

The Lesson Sermon will also include the following passages from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The Science of being unveils the errors of sense, and spiritual perception, aided by Science, reaches Truth. Then error disappears. Sin and sickness will abate, and seem less real as we approach the scientific period, in which mortal sense is subdued and all that is unlike true likeness disappears. Resist evil—error of every sort—and it will flee from you. Error is opposed to Life. We can, and ultimately shall, so rise as to, avail ourselves in every direction of the supremacy of truth over error. Life over death, and good over evil, and this growth will go on until we arrive at the fullness of God's idea, and no more fear that we shall be sick and die. Inharmonious of any kind involves weakness and suffering—a loss of control over the body. Through immortal Mind, of Truth, we can destroy all ill which proceed from mortal mind. Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognising no mortal nor material power as able to destroy. Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine 'powers that be.' Such is the true Science of being." (Pages 406, 374, 249).

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Mr. G. W. Dunning, in an article, says that the wooden dishes and bowls were kept from distortion by the camp slime in the well. They were in a very friable state, however, and held together only long enough for drawings to be made. Their date was established by pottery found with them.

Five of the utensils, of between 6in. and 9in. diameter, were small dishes or bowls for table use, such as are mentioned in medieval inventories.

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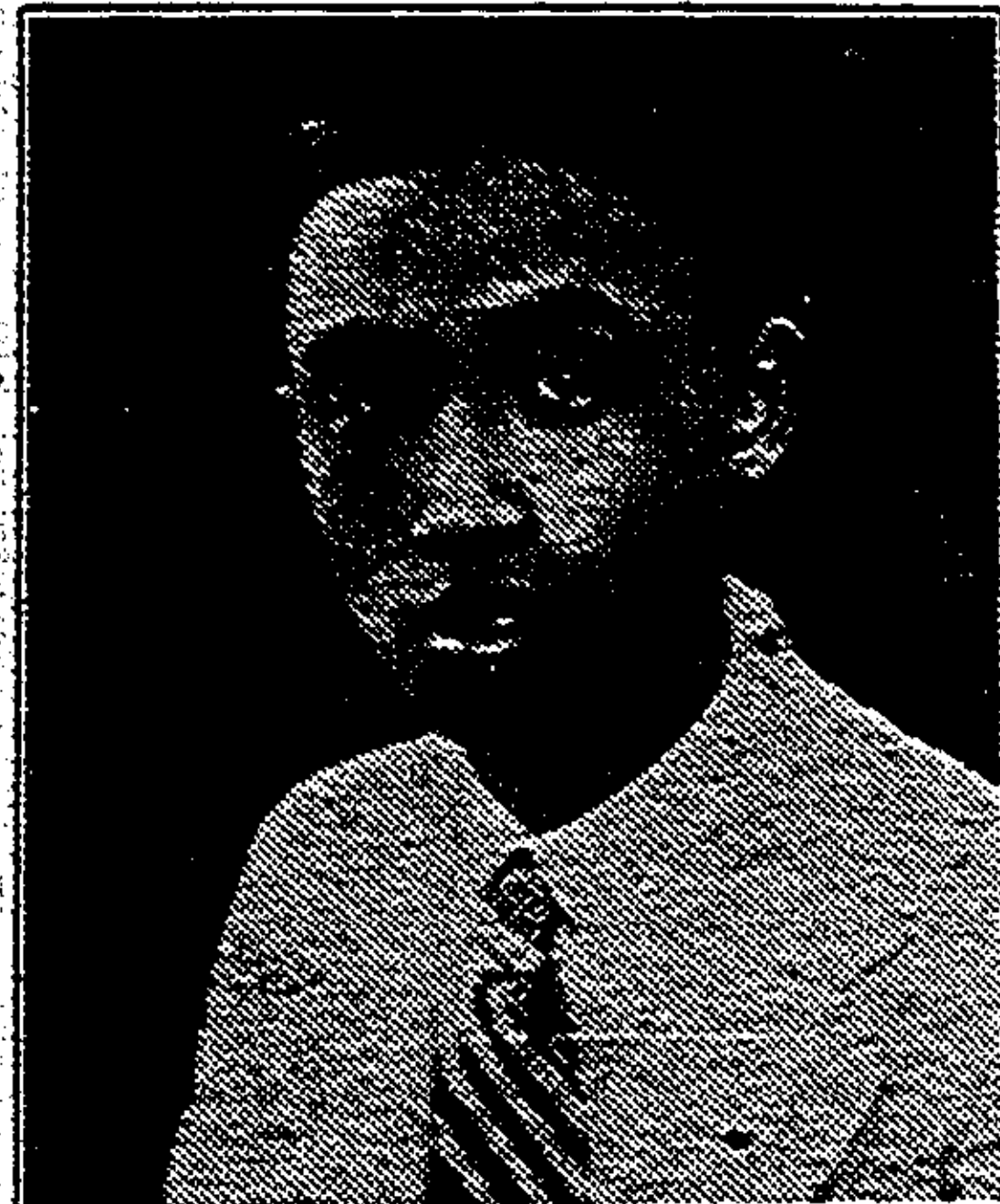
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GERMAN LAWN TENNIS PLAYERS GIVE DAZZLING EXHIBITION AT H.K.C.C.



Lau Man, left, and Chung Fai-lum, right, South China "B" full-backs, must be at their best tomorrow if they hope to keep Eastern's attack from scoring.

Game For Game's Sake VON CRAMM GIVES FINE DISPLAY HENKEL'S CANNON-BALL SERVICE SCORES FRAULEIN HORN SPARKLES

(By "ACE")

Lawn tennis of a much more entertaining nature than that produced by Tilden and Vines was served up at the H.K.C.C. yesterday afternoon by Baron Gottfried Von Cramm, Henner Henkel and Fraulein Horn.

I have never seen such a crowd at the Cricket Club—I arrived at 3.10 and found my seat had been taken, and as a consequence saw play in only one half of the court. The L.T.A. officials must have regretted their decision to put up only one stand, as, I understand, many hundreds were turned away by harassed gate officials.

The local players—Mrs. Rice-Evans, Tsui Wai-pui and W. C. Hung—never completely lost their nervousness and as a result did not show what they were capable of, though Hung evoked praise from Von Cramm on several occasions.

It was a fine gesture on the part of the visitors when they suggested that Hung and Tsui, the newly crowned hardcourt champions, should play together for big match experience instead of splitting up, which would have produced a much more even game.

The local pair were swept off their feet in the first set, when the Germans gave nothing away, but were allowed to regain some degree of confidence in the second set.

The most noticeable feature of this match was the contrast in volleying, the local pair lacking the pace of their opponents, whose wristwork never allowed the local players to position themselves for a return.

FINE LADY PLAYER

Mrs. Rice-Evans is to be congratulated on filling the vacancy in the Mixed Doubles match, as, although she played well below her true form, she enabled us to see Fraulein Horn in action. I can safely say that the German girl gave a much more convincing display than Dorothy Round or Mary Heeley during their visit here.

Possessing a backhand equal to that of any of the Colony's best players, she time and again passed Von Cramm at the net with drives down the sideline or cross-court shots, as the occasion demanded. Her forehand was not so convincing, strange as it may seem.

PERFECT LOBBING

The outstanding feature of Von Cramm's game was his disinclination to take a high bouncing ball, his more deadly return being effected when the ball was half-way up on its ascent. He appeared to be worried by the light, and several smashes went astray as a result. Apart from this, however, he gave a very fine all-round performance, illustrating very often the value of the lob as an attacking factor, especially in mixed doubles play. His spin service was a revelation, even Henkel, who must by now be used to his service, being aced at will.



Henkel's main asset was a powerful cannon-ball service which often ached his colleague. Powerful overhead, and clever with his angle volleying, he was weak on the forehand and relied more often than not on his backhand to win points.

He is obviously a better doubles player, and one could not help thinking that Von Cramm was not particularly worried concerning the ultimate result of the singles game, which Henkel won at 12-10.

VON CRAMM AT HIS BEST

For one brief period—three games—when Von Cramm went from 2-4 down to 5-4 up, did we see the man who reached the Wimbledon Final three years in succession at his best. He literally swept Henkel off the court with an effortless barrage of perfectly placed shots from corner to corner.

The German pair gave the impression that they were playing tennis for the love of the game rather than for what they could get out of it. Von Cramm was certainly not the machine Vines showed himself to be—and as a result this exhibition was decidedly better than that produced by Tilden and Vines.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote, Sir Hugh and Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen and their daughters, Dr. Hans Luther, ex-Chancellor of Germany, and Herr H. Gipperich, Consul-General in Hong Kong, were among the large number present. Mr. R. E. Lindsell, President of the Lawn Tennis Association, welcomed the players and umpired the matches in turn with Mr. G. W. Sewell.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS WERE:

MIXED DOUBLES
H. Henkel and Fraulein M. L. Horn beat Baron G. Von Cramm and Mrs. J. A. M. Rice-Evans 6-2, 7-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES
Baron G. Von Cramm and H. Henkel beat Tsui Wai-pui and W. C. Hung 6-0, 6-1.

MEN'S SINGLES
H. Henkel beat Baron G. Von Cramm 12-10.

THREE GOOD SENIOR SOCCER MATCHES MIDDLESEX ENTERTAIN SEAFORTHS AND S. CHINA "B" MEET EASTERN

(By "OUTSIDE LEFT")

Although the Volunteer Camp continues to make itself felt in local soccer by the cancellation of fixtures, this afternoon's First Division programme of two encounters should provide followers of the game with plenty of excitement, and obviously the better of the two encounters will be the clash between the Middlesex Regiment and the Seaforths, commencing at 4.15 p.m. on the Sookunpoo ground.

The Middlesex have been considerably strengthened by the new arrivals on the Transport Dilwara, Grogan being a very good forward, and, following his sound display last Wednesday against the Police, should retain his place at inside-right in support of Pearson.

The Middlesex have not of late been very promising although they should play much better soccer now that they have been infused with new "life." The Seaforths, always a dangerous team, are making no changes of note and should give their hosts a very good game.

Kowloon are fielding a very strong team to-day against the Police on their home ground and a very good game should result. Kowloon are making one change in their attack, Jorge returning to inside-right in support of Donald Knox.

SAME DEFENCE

The Police will field the same defence which performed so meritoriously against the Middlesex Regiment last Wednesday when they shared the spoils in a goalless draw. Green and Moss will be paired on the Police left-wing, while Howlett moves to inside-right in place of Morrison, who is injured, while Willerton will occupy the right-wing berth as before.

To-morrow South China "B", hitherto unbeaten in the First Division, will meet their biggest obstacle when they encounter Eastern at Causeway Bay. South China will field their full team, but should try and strengthen their full-back division where Cheung Fai-lum and Lau Man have not been very impressive lately, poor positioning and faulty clearances leaving many loopholes in their defence.

In the other game to-morrow South China "A" should experience little difficulty in taking both points off Kowloon Chinese.

ST. ANDREW'S BEAT RECREIO "B"

Last Night's Badminton

St. Andrew's beat Recreio "B" by 5 games to 4 last night in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League.
E. F. Fincher and Miss F. Wong (St. Andrew's) beat L. A. Silva and Miss C. M. Botelho 21-18
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lost to Rodrigues and Miss Remedios 6-21
lost to Alves and Mrs. Noronha 15-21
H. Kew and Miss M. C. Churn (St. Andrew's) beat Silva and Miss Botelho 21-17
lost to Rodrigues and Miss Remedios 10-21
beat Alves and Mrs. Noronha 21-11

K.C.C. TO MEET VARSITY AT CRICKET TO-DAY

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd. XI against the University at Cox's Road to-day, in a cricket match commencing at 2 p.m.

W. L. McKenzie (Capt.), R. Baldwin, G. A. V. Hall, R. T. Broadbridge, C. B. R. Sargent, J. R. Luke, W. Bamford, H. Brokenshire, A. Anderson, G. F. O'Brien and T. A. Madar.

AMAZING GROWTH OF SOFTBALL



LADIES' FRIENDLY HOCKEY MATCHES

H.K. Ladies Will Meet Seaforth Ladies

"Y" LADIES MEET ST. ANDREW'S

(By "STICKS")

St. Andrew's Ball and other reasons have resulted in a dull Saturday afternoon as far as Caer Clark Cup and Brawn Cup Hockey matches are concerned, for to-day's programme will be confined exclusively to friendly matches.

The Hong Kong Ladies will meet the Seaforth Ladies in a friendly encounter at 3 p.m. on the Valley ground. The H.K. Ladies should have fielded a second or junior eleven originally, but they have had to make several last minute changes and because of their dearth of players, have been forced to fill the vacancies with senior players.

The "Y" Ladies will meet the St. Andrew's Ladies in a friendly encounter on the "Y" ground at 3 p.m. and are fielding two newcomers.

RETURNS TO TEAM

The goalkeeper and two backs will be the same as before, but Mrs. B. Henry (formerly Billy Blumenthal) will make a welcome reappearance at left-half, thereby strengthening their intermediate line, while Mrs. Read makes her first appearance as centre-forward. Mrs. Burnett being the absentee, otherwise the attack remains the same as before.

It will be recalled that in their last encounter, a Caer Clark Cup League match, the "Y" Ladies won easily by five clear goals.

The Central British Association Ladies' seniors will pit their strength against the Central British School-girls "A" team, at King's Park, at 3 p.m., while the C.B.A. juniors will clash with St. Andrew's juniors on the C.B.A. ground at 4.15 p.m.

The following are some of the teams:-

H.K. Ladies:- Miss S. Baskett; Miss Green and Miss G. Swan; Mrs. Bennett; Miss J. Dalziel and Miss Gordon-Smith; Miss M. Smalley, A. N. O'Her, Mrs. Moore; Miss Potter and Mrs. Waddell. "Y" Ladies:- Miss J. Lakeman; Mrs. Burke and Miss A. Fowler; Miss K. Tonge; Miss M. McCaw and Mrs. Henry; Miss V. Bradbury; Mrs. Gardiner; Mrs. Read; Miss M. Smith and Miss M. Westcott.

ST. ANDREW'S JUNIORS

J. Hall; J. Broadbridge, M. Munro; M. Lawson; B. Cook; B. Greaves; V. Churn; Y. Ho; M. Churn; S. Roberts and C. Kotewall.

C.B.A. SENIORS

F. Best; B. Parsons and P. Whitely; E. Clewer; D. Moss and Mrs. Daniels; E. Foster; I. Woolley, M. White, B. Stoker and O. Smith.

C.B.A. JUNIORS

M. Bell; L. Doss and Mrs. Clark; F. Gammitt; J. Whiteman and K. Luckin; N. Kempton; K. Winch; E. Woolley, P. Eccleshall and M. McAlpine.

ST. ANDREW'S SENIORS

R. Rose; G. White; L. Jorge; J. Humphrey; J. Wong; Maria Boza; F. Wong; E. Churn; P. Gittins; L. Gittins and D. Drew.

DOUBLE-HEADER WILL BE FEATURE OF TO-MORROW'S CARD

DEFEATED PROPOSAL AT RECENT MEETING TO BE REGRETTED

SOME WONDERFUL PITCHING FEATS

(By "SHORTSTOP")

POSTPONEMENT of last Sunday's Softball League games on account of rain has brought the League one full week behind schedule, but this will be partly rectified to-morrow. The Central British gang, slated to meet the Chinese Canucks, will be unable to field a nine with most of their members at Volunteer camp, so one double-header will be seen to-morrow.

The English Forum will tangle with the Vets at 10 a.m., sharp on the Filipino Club ground. On the C.B.A. ground at 10 a.m., the H.K. Baseball Club will cross bats in the first game with the Canadian Chinese Club, and then with the Machine Gunners. The first round of the Softball League should have been concluded last week-end, and the Clubs that have not as yet finished this round, should do so at the earliest opportunity.

The Forum versus Vets will be, by far, the most interesting game to-morrow. The Vets are right behind the Forum, and seem to be hitting their stride. Unfortunately for them, some of their most valuable players are leaving the Colony soon, notably Joe Yee, a catcher of no mean ability in baseball; and K. Chung, a pitcher.

The improvement of the Vets recently should give them a win in this encounter, but the Forumers are also out there to win. If the latter team should lose they will be behind the Vets in the League standing.

INDOOR BASEBALL?

The proposal at the last meeting of the Softball League to change certain of the rules, in accordance with the game as played officially, met with defeat. This is disheartening as all participants in the League now know that the game they're playing here is Not softball, but the old "indoor baseball," "kitten ball," or "recreation ball."

This cannot remain unchanged next season! Real softball is a much faster game, and much more interesting from the spectator's viewpoint as well as the players.

GREAT PITCHING

In the longer distance between pitcher and home plate, the great stars of softball appear to be the pitchers, and they have set up records that are unapproachable by even the Hubbells and Deans of baseball, in the softball leagues in the United States. For instance, there is a Matt Ruppert, who probably has pitched a hundred no-hit games, and on numerous occasions has struck out every opposing batter. Last summer in Chicago, only Ruppert and his catcher took the field. One run was made off him, there being no outfielders to assist, but he struck out all the other batters, and his team won.

Another celebrity is "Windmill" Watson of Phoenix, Ariz. His peculiarity is that his arm spins round and round, and nobody, probably including himself, knows just when he is going to let it go. There

is Harry (Coon) Rosen, Chicago, who must be the original Hard Luck Harry, because last year in a tournament in St. Louis he pitched two games, gave one hit, and lost them both.

ASTONISHING GROWTH

The game has had an amazing growth. The organization that controls its activities in the United States, and presumably in Canada, has the largest membership of any amateur body in the world. Last year there were no fewer than 7,636 softball diamonds in the United States and there are 770 now building. In 434 cities there were 10,144,252 people playing the game. In 1935, the last year for which the figures are available, there were 92,545 organized teams which took part in 1,850,900 games in leagues and tournaments.

Undoubtedly, it is attracting tens of thousands of youths who prefer it to baseball. However, if the attraction of softball is its inexpensiveness, baseball fans need have no worry. It is hardly likely that star softball players in a major league, if any, will be paid the glorious sum of \$550,000 a year for playing the game. Baseball is a tougher game, requires more stamina and speed, and more of what we like to call, instinctual fortitude, or if you don't care, just plain "guts!"

K.B.G.C. "BOWLS CLOSING DAY"

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club will hold their Lawn Bowls Closing Day this afternoon when bowls and tennis matches will be held, followed later by the presentation of prizes won during the past season.



FOOTBALL FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

The following are the Hong Kong Football Association Football fixtures for the week-end:

TO-DAY	
First Division	
Middlesex	v Seaforths
(Sookumpoo, 4.15 p.m.)	
Referee:-Ip	
Linesmen:-Marriot and Aiywin	
Kowloon	v Police
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)	
Referee:-Barton	
Linesmen:-Demmee and Edwards	
Second Division	
Seaforths	v Police
(Sookumpoo, 2.45 p.m.)	
Referee:-Jones	
Kowloon	v Engineers (C.)
(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)	
Referee:-Gomes	
Middlesex	v Kwong Wah
(Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)	
Referee:-Rees	
Third Division (Hong Kong)	
Powhattan	v Engineers
(Military, 4.15 p.m.)	
Referee:-F. Silva	
Service Corps	v Medicals
(Military, 2.45 p.m.)	
Referee:-Morecroft	
Third Division (Kowloon)	
Signals	v 24th R.A.
(Prince Edward Road, 2.45 p.m.)	
Referee:-Hobson	
Seaforths	v 20th Battery R.A.
(Prince Edward Road, 4.15 p.m.)	
Referee:-F. G. Smith	
Kumaon Rifles	v University
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)	
Referee:-Stone	

TO-MORROW	
First Division	
Eastern	v South China "B"
(Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)	
Referee:-Smyth	
Linesmen:-Johns and Hudson	
South China "A"	v Kowloon Chinese
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)	
Referee:-Omar	
Linesmen:-Brothwell and Sharpe	
Second Division	
South China	v Engineer (E.)
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)	
Referee:-Farr	
Eastern	v 5th Bde. R.A.
(Causeway Bay, 2.45 p.m.)	
Referee:-J. Silva	
Third Division	
Stanley	v 5th Bde. R.A.
(Sookumpoo, 2.45 p.m.)	
Referee:-Barretto	
Ordnance	v Police
(Sookumpoo, 4.15 p.m.)	
Referee:-Draisey	

K.I.T.C. MEET KUMAONS AT HOCKEY TO-DAY

A very good hockey game should be witnessed on the Marina ground this afternoon at 3.30 p.m. when the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club will meet the Kumaon Rifles in their United Hockey Tournament encounter. The K.I.T.C. will be represented by the following:

K. Ramzan; Attah Singh and Kernall Singh; K. Hussain, Bagat Singh and S. Malik; P. J. Noronha, C. Pinto, Pyara Singh, J. M. Pintos (Captain) and A. P. Souza.

TO-DAY'S FRIENDLY CRICKET MATCHES

The following are to-day's friendly cricket games:

First Division	
Civil Service v. Craigengower C.C.	
Second Division	
Craigengower "B" v. Civil Service	
Police v. Craigengower "C" (F)	
Kowloon C.C. v. University	
Hong Kong C.C. v. Central British School	
Indian R.C. v. Recreio	

COTTON'S PERFECT GOLF IN STORM

Challenge Match
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R. WHITCOMBE'S
FINE SUPPORT

(By GEORGE GREENWOOD)
London, October 28.

In the wildest of storms, which brought down trees and flooded many of the roads in Sussex, Henry Cotton, Open golf champion, gave a masterly display when taking part in a 200 guineas challenge match at Goring Hall, near Angmering, on Saturday.

He and Reginald Whitcombe, winner and runner-up respectively in the Open, were partners in a 36 holes four-ball match against E. E. Whitcombe, the new professional at Porters Park, Radlett, and Albert Chevalier, of Reddish Vale, Stockport, who finished in the same positions in the Assistants' championship.

The older and more experienced players battled their way through the storm, particularly violent in the afternoon, when it was as much

as one could do to prevent being blown over, to beat the younger men, 7 and 6.

The conditions were infinitely worse than on the last day at Carnoustie, when Cotton, to the wonder of the famous American contingent, gave a superb display of the art of ball control in a tearing wind and lashing rain. Most of us can play reasonably well when the wind is not whistling about our ears and doing its best to throw us off our balance. It is in such vile conditions that only the artist comes into his own.

HAMMERED HIS WAY

Widening his stance and shortening the grip and also the swing, Cotton literally hammered his way through the storm, using the right-hand punch and curtailing the fellow-through to a minimum. Hitting a low, boring shot, the ball tore its way through the wind like a bullet from a rifle.

The fifth hole, normally a drive, and a No. 4 iron or a firm mashie shot, showed the force of the gale at its height. Even Cotton, standing as firm as a rock and scarcely moving his feet, was 30 yards short of the green with two mighty sledge-hammer blows. As for the opponents, they were blown about like shuttlecocks. At the same hole in the first round, when the wind was less violent, Cotton hit two full driver shots a yard from the stick.

NOBLE SUPPORT

Throughout the match, Cotton received noble support from his partner, R. A. Whitcombe, whose technique—a well-controlled round-the-corner back swing and a terrific right-hand punch—suited admirably the conditions.

It was a little unfortunate for



the younger players, particularly so in the case of Chevalier, a little man, whose rather frail physique suggested a rowing-boat in an Atlantic hurricane, that they should have the ill-luck to meet two illustrious opponents on such a day. That the youngsters were not completely annihilated says much for their skill and courage.

GREAT LENGTH

The respective scores were: Cotton, 68; R. A. Whitcombe, 69; E. E. Whitcombe, 70; A. Chevalier, 72. Cotton's figures were:

Out: 3, 3, 4, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3, 5—32.

In: 4, 5, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5—36.

Total 68.

Only the bravest of souls watched the play in the second round, which Cotton again dominated. His greater length and accuracy told heavily in the side's favour. Six up at the turn—Cotton having the splendid score of 34—the partnership became seven up at the 11th, where E. E. Whitcombe sliced out of bounds, and Chevalier was in a hopeless place. The match came to a merciful end—7 and 6—at the next hole.

FERRIER'S GOLF NOTEBOOK

(By J. FERRIER)
(State Amateur Champion)

Sydney, October 8.

The New Zealand Golf Council introduced an automatic draw for its amateur and professional championships at Hamilton this year. This is one of the fairest ways of drawing the qualifiers who are placed in the various parts of the draw in the order in which they qualify, thus eliminating the possibility of the leading two players meeting in the first round.

The Father and Sons Cup, played at Killara on Saturday, resulted in a win for the Esplins, both of whom are left-handed players. The next two pairs are equally well-known in golf—P. S. Jones, senior and junior, and C. E. F. and T. S. McKay. This event is becoming more popular each year, and is now one of the most popular events of the calendar.

J. P. Hornabrook, who won the New Zealand open championship after a play-off, has won the amateur championship for the last two years, but he was beaten in the third round on Wednesday in this year's amateur event. Gene Sarazen named Hornabrook as New Zealand's outstanding golfer.

Youthful Frank Strafacci, former American public links champion, was responsible for a remarkable effort, when he needed only two strokes for a 540-yard hole on a New York course. Strafacci weighs only nine stone, and is 5ft 2in in height. His length from the tee, phenomenal for one so small, is the result of perfect timing and powerful wrists.

Horton Smith, the American Ryder Cup player, recently described Henry Cotton's iron play as "Vardon-like." He said: "Cotton squeezes or pinches the ball against the turf when he hits an iron. He drives the ball down into the ground as the labourer hammers home a stake. Besides pinching his shots, Cotton cuts across the ball from right to left with a slight open face, getting an artistic 'fade' on the ball."

When watching Cotton closely last year, I noticed how he pinched the ball off the turf with a last-minute flick of the wrists. His fading iron shots to the greens have much more control than the average player can imagine. They rarely run more than a few feet after landing.

Horton Smith said: "The clover-studded American fairways might play havoc with the squeeze shot. The oily juice from the clover spigs would cause Cotton's shots to skid off the club face and be spoilt. The American professionals all hit out and through the ball on iron shots from a closed face at the top. It is more of a square hit, and yields a tail end hook draw."

At Carnoustie during the open championship, Smith saw Cotton take a No. 1 iron where Sarazen used a brassie, and reached a green that was well beyond Sarazen's wood range. "Armour was rated a grand iron player," commented Smith, "but he never hit them with the savage fury Cotton gets into his restricted stroke."

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MIDDLESEX— KWONG WAH DUEL TO-DAY

SECOND DIVISION "NEEDLE" MATCH

DUFFIELD'S BROTHER APPEARS

(By UBIQUE)

The outstanding game in the Second Division of the local soccer card this afternoon is the encounter between the unbeaten Middlesex team and the much improved Kwong Wah team, who in their first year of Second Division football are among the leading teams in this Division.

The Kwong Wah team have recently been strengthened by the inclusion of Wong King-chung, former right-winger of the South China junior team, and he will be seen on the left-wing, where he will partner L. A. Rocha, the former St. Joseph's inside-left.

Feng Tse-tson will occupy the pivotal position and will be assisted by Henry Young, former South China "B" half back. Law Wing-kui will lead the attack.

THIRD DIVISION CARD

There are no games of outstanding interest in the Third Division, the only tie which should be evenly contested being that between the Kumon Rifles and the University.

To-morrow, the Eastern and the 5th A.A. Bde., Royal Artillery, meet in the Second Division. These teams met in the First Round of the Junior shield a fortnight ago, when the Gunners were unexpected eliminated by 3 goals to 1. But it must be noted that Eastern had utilised the services of several players who had played only one game in the First Division—until a player has played in two senior games he is still considered a junior player—but it is fully expected that the Gunners will reverse the result and win by a handsome margin.

The Ordnance should beat the Police in the Third Division as they will still have all the old players available and will be strengthened by the inclusion of S. Duffield, brother of the local Ordnance "star," who is reputed to be a good footballer.

The Police will again be without the services of Willerton, who is needed for the first team and his place will be filled by McBride, with Wall at inside-left.

PRIMO CARNERA EXAMINED

London, October 14.—Primo Carnera, in England to challenge the British Boxing Board of Control's ban, was yesterday examined by Dr. Charles Brook, hon. medical officer of the National Union of Boxers. The doctor reports: "Carnera is perfectly fit and well. I would pass him as a first-class life for insurance purposes."

SOME RUGBY THOUGHTS OF SCOTLAND

COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL FIFTEEN

IS W. R. LOGAN PAST HIS PRIME?

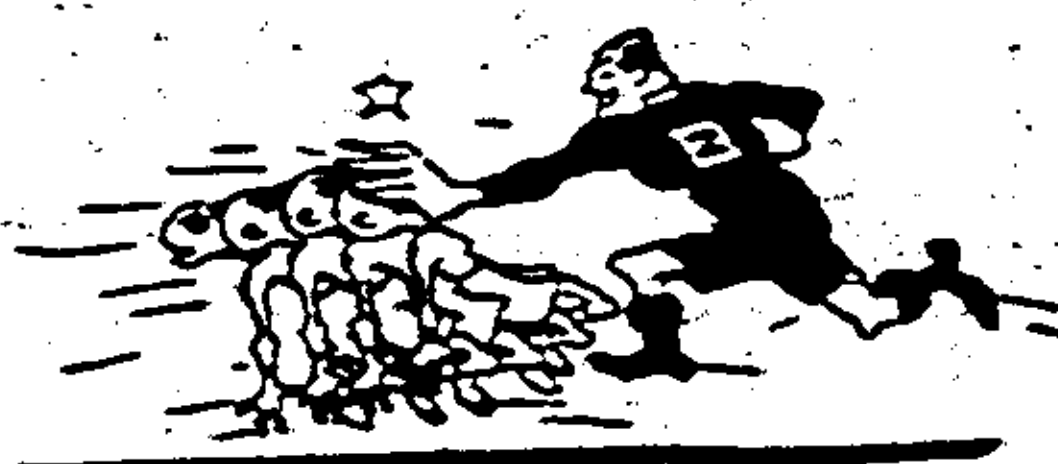
(By "PLEGAN")

Glasgow, October 16.

Scottish Rugby appears to be having to weather a great deal in the way of stormy times this season. First we had the accusations of undue rough and unfair play. Then came suggestions that players were not bothering about the revised rules. And then, like a bombshell, came the sudden controversy about the game in the past compared with the sport in the present.

I cannot see that anything can be gained by considering the last state of affairs. It is indeed a case where comparisons are odious. Of course, it has degenerated into the old argument whether the performers of the past were better players and men than those of to-day. Which means that those taking part in it have come down to personalities. It is all so absurd. One might as well argue about the soldiers in the Battle of Waterloo and the Old Contemptibles.

And then there is the question of the Scotland fifteen. It must be a long time since the composition of the national side has been so



eagerly discussed so far in advance of the international season.

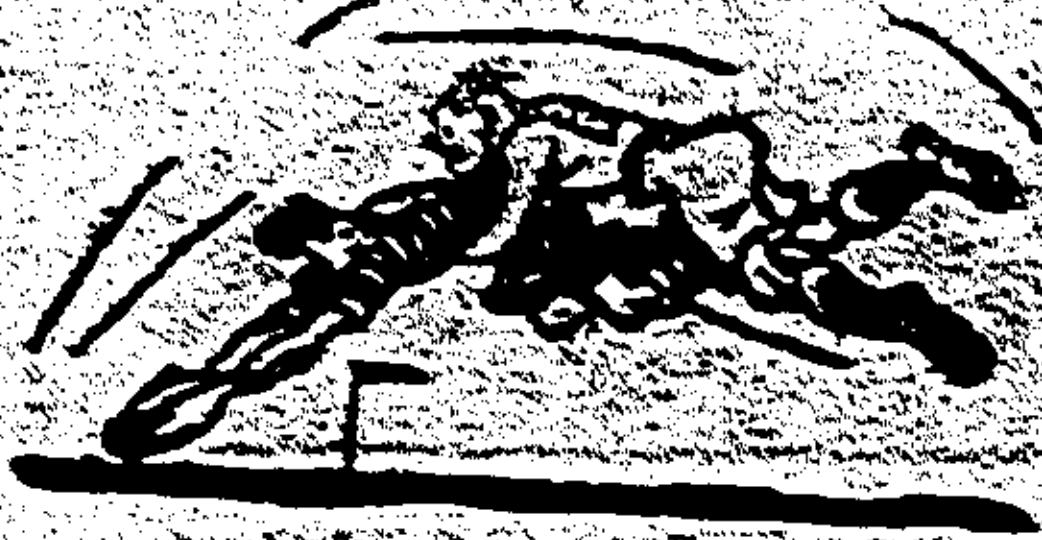
THREE SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

Roughly, there are three schools of thought abroad. The first wants a "scrap-the-let" policy adopted. The other is keen on a "leave-them-alone" attitude being taken up. The third just wants the new team based on the 1936-7 combination. I daresay that the last group have the most followers.

When all is said and done, the Scottish fifteen were not disgraced last winter. They defeated the Welsh in their own territory—never a very easy thing to do. They went to defeat at Dublin by 11 points to 4, but two of the successes of the Welsh game were missing. R. C. S. Dick, who had made up for many previous shortcomings by a brilliant display at centre three-quarter, was out through a family bereavement. W. A. Ross, at stand-off half, "capped" by himself.

LOST THREE POINTS

Again, against England, who only beat us by 6-3, Dick had to call off once more. R. W. Shaw was moved to his "worst" position—centre three-quarter—to make way on the wing for R. H. Dryden, hitherto untried in international circles. It strikes me that there will not be so very many alterations need-



ed to turn last season's side into a triumphant fifteen. One notes with interest that Dick is at his most brilliant for Guy's Hospital. As everyone knows, I have never been too fond of that player. I have always put him down as super-selfish, but he certainly made amends at Swansea.

DEFINITE POINTERS

It is a bit of a gamble to suggest things about the side at such an early date, but there are definite pointers swinging round to their true direction. When I heard that Dryden had been chosen last season, I just sat back and wondered. I pondered how selectors could pick a young man who so obviously had to clearly not attained to international standard by himself.

But there may be a different story to tell about Dryden this programme. Maybe the authorities realise what E. C. Hunter means to the Scottish ex-sprint champion. With Dryden and Hunter in together, a different story could be told from the one which comes about when Dryden is "capped" by himself.

IS LOGAN FINISHED?

And there is the puzzle of W. R. Logan. It is, I think, nine seasons since Logan last figured in the Merchiston Castle School fifteen. Since then he has played 20 times for Scotland. He is still the man in possession in the national team. Is he past his best? Well, his performances for Edinburgh Wanderers this season suggest that he is going on for ever. Just when we are saying that he is much slower, he suddenly produces a game that shows him at his slickest. To our amazement, he appears to be the Logan of four or five seasons ago, but with an older Rugby head on his shoulders.

We may shed this gentleman farmer of the East Lothian district. But, if we do, on his present autumn form, other countries would not mind his services.

If we chose a national fifteen to-morrow, there would, in my opinion, be only one excuse for dropping the Murrayfield player. That would be the bringing in of a ready-made partnership at half-back. That may come from anywhere this season. It may be I. E. Dawson and W. A. Ross, Hillhead High School F.P.'s. R. B. Bruce-Lockhart and G. M. Milne, Cambridge University, may supply it. And we must not forget that the Kelso couple have been going "great guns."

OXFORD UNIVERSITY B.C. MEETING

London, October 19.

A meeting of Oxford University boat club was held at the boat-house yesterday under the presidency of G. C. Cherry (B.N.C.). G. J. P. Mansfield (King Edward's School, Southampton) was elected to fill the vacancy on the committee.

Nothing definite was decided regarding the long-distance race, which, if rowed, will be decided on December 1.

TWO FRIENDLY RUGBY GAMES FOR TO-DAY

Club Clash With Army In Main Feature

There will be two friendly Rugby encounters on the Club ground this afternoon commencing at 3 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. when the Club "A" and first fifteens will meet a Naval and the Army side, respectively.

The Club are hoping to field a strong team but will probably still be without the services of Roy Butcher, who is still honeymooning in the Philippines, but Bonnar will make a return to the base of the Club pack.

The Army have not yet completed their team and have one or two important vacancies to fill, at full-back and at scrum-half. The following is the Army team:

A. N. Other; L/Cpl. Ayrton (R.A.S.C.); A. N. Other; Lt. Gudgeon (Middlesex); Lt. Chiverall (Middlesex); Pte. Ramey (Seaforths) and A. N. Other; Sgt. Moore (Middlesex); Pte. Knowles (Seaforths) and Spr. Rumbell (R.E.); Lt. I. A. MacLagan (Seaforths); Lt. Crawford (R. C. Signals); Cpl. Harrison (R.E.); Capt. Gillespie (R.E.) and L/Cpl. Burrell (Middlesex).

BOYS' SOCCER

St. Joseph's Fine Win

A very keen and exciting football game was witnessed in the Boys' Football League yesterday, on the Central British School ground, when the School entertained St. Joseph's College and lost by three goals to one.

Ho Young, A. Leonard and B. Abbas scored for the Saints and N. Booker netted for Central British School. Ganbert and Millington were outstanding in the losers team.

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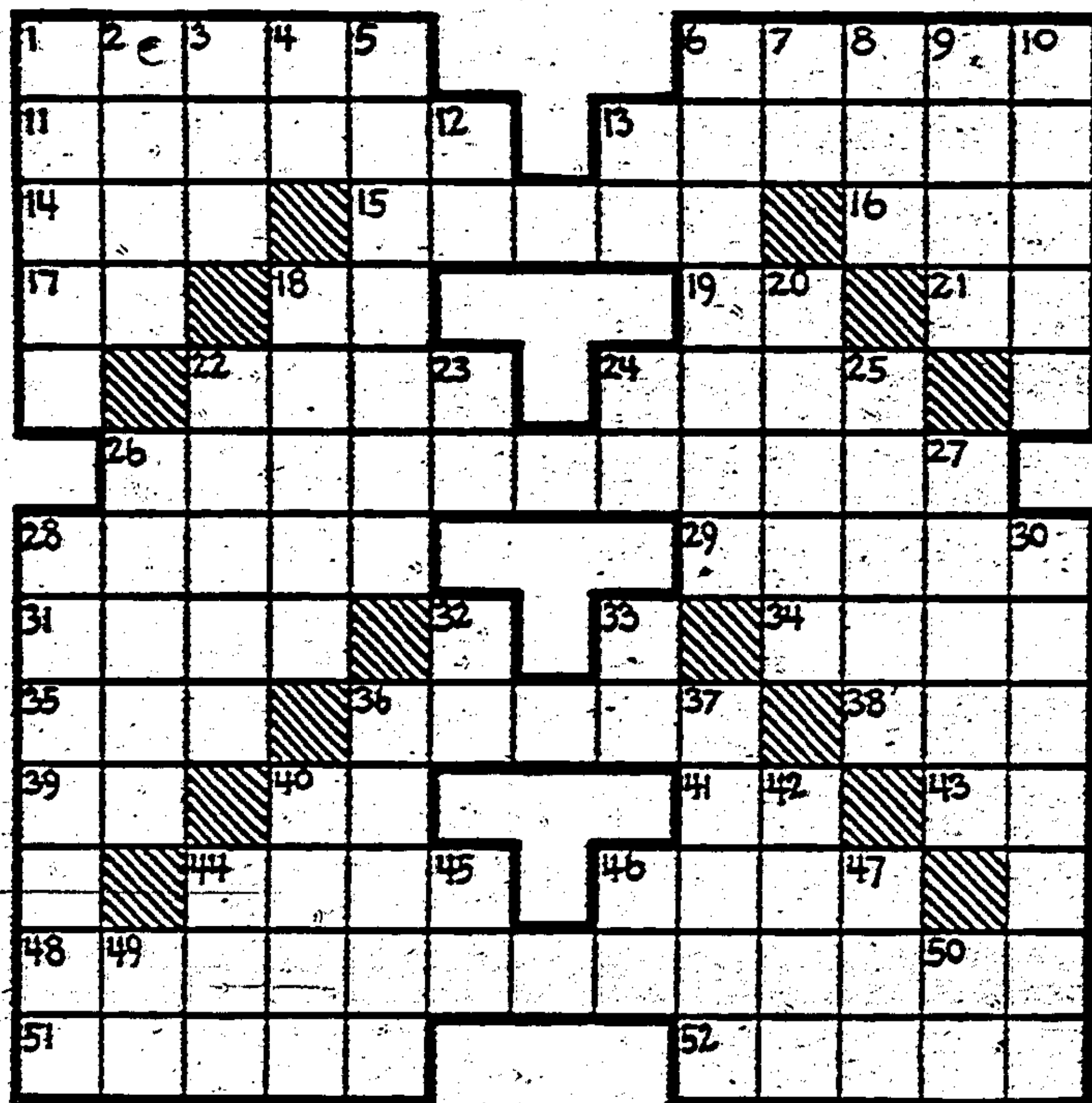
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
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phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Trim
- 6—Rend in pieces by an explosion
- 11—Country in Asia
- 13—One to whom property is bailed
- 14—Half a score
- 15—Pertaining to Eolis
- 16—Interdict
- 17—Because
- 18—The (Sp.)
- 19—Kiloliter (abbr.)
- 21—Preposition
- 22—Constructed
- 24—Blind
- 26—That which influences to determine
- 28—Diminished
- 29—A tough knot
- 31—Isles off coast of Ireland
- 34—German rear-admiral
- 35—Nothing
- 36—Fissures
- 37—Streets (abbr.)
- 38—Tierce (abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 40—Interjection
- 41—Postscript (abbr.)
- 43—Secretary of State (abbr.)
- 44—Dash (Fr.)
- 46—Verbal
- 48—Resonant sound
- 51—Sheer
- 52—Numbers from twelve to twenty

VERTICAL

- 1—Pertaining to birth
- 2—Greek god of war
- 3—Cure hides
- 4—Tiberius (abbr.)
- 5—Produced
- 6—Upholding
- 7—Fifty-one
- 8—White linen vestment
- 9—Resting place
- 10—Singing voice
- 12—Army Order (abbr.)
- 13—Prefix. Twice

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 18—Dined
- 20—Tilts
- 22—Heavy element
- 23—Comparative suffix
- 24—Musical note
- 25—Breaks suddenly
- 26—Ancient gold coin of Persia
- 27—Former allowances for waste in transportation
- 28—Makes sport of
- 30—Makes smaller
- 32—Exist
- 33—Part of verb "To be"
- 36—Keen
- 37—Herring-like fish
- 40—To the sheltered side
- 42—Satisfy
- 44—Evening (Poet.)
- 45—Province of Canada (abbr.)
- 46—Conjunction
- 47—Falsehood
- 48—And (Lat.)
- 50—Upon

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle

will appear in Monday's issue.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



TOKYO FORCED TO SCOTCH A RUMOUR

TOKYO, TO-DAY.
AN IMPORTANT FOREIGN
POLITICAL PRONOUNCE-
MENT WAS MADE YESTER-
DAY BY A SPOKESMAN OF
THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

Referring to reports in the foreign press that official recognition of Manchukuo by Germany and Italy may shortly be expected, he declared that nothing was known in official circles in Tokyo of any such intention.

He was able, however, to say that Japan would shortly proceed to announce recognition of General Franco.

DECLARATION OF WAR

Asked whether Japan would declare war on China, the spokesman replied: "We will not at any rate declare war if the general situation continues as hitherto."

He added, however, that he was unable to promise anything definite as changes might occur of an unforeseen character.

At the moment, there appear to be two schools of thought in Japan the one demanding an open declaration of war as essential to the successful prosecution of the war, the other opposed to any further exacerbation of foreign feeling while the campaign proceeds undisturbed.—Trans-Ocean.

CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES CONVERSION

The "Gazette" contains the draft of A Bill Intituled An Ordinance to fix the rate at which the sterling salaries of public officers shall be paid, in this Colony, cited as the Sterling Salaries Conversion Ordinance, 1937.

The object of this Bill is to make provision in the year 1938 for the payment in this Colony of the sterling salaries of public officers in the Hong Kong Government service at a rate similar to the rate at which such salaries were paid in 1937.

Clause 3 in which the rate is fixed at 1/3 to the dollar, is based upon section 2 (5) of the Hong Kong Government Service (Levy on Salaries) Ordinance, 1937, Ordinance No. 2 of 1937, which expires on 31st December, 1937, and is repealed by clause 7.

Clause 2 defines the expressions "Treasury rate" and "Widows and Orphans' Pension Contribution" and clauses 4 and 5 reproduce the provisions of sections 6 (1) and 7 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1937, respectively empowering the Legislative Council to grant exemptions by resolution and saving the rights of the Crown.

The provisions introduced by this Bill are by clause 6 thereof to have effect from 1st January, 1938 to 31st December, 1938, only unless otherwise provided by Ordinance.

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Tokyo, To-day.

Japan is not afraid of any foreign assistance given to China, although she would object to such assistance, declared a Foreign Office spokesman yesterday.

He added, "Just change the position and you will regard the Japanese objection as natural."

Asked by a foreign correspondent why Japanese newspapers published only allegations of British shipments of arms and ammunition to China, the spokesman said that recently no information had been received of German and Italian shipments of arms and ammunition to China.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

The British Consul-General has telegraphed the Foreign Office requesting urgent remittance of £20,000 for the "British Fund for Relief in China."

He says the money is vitally needed owing to present conditions in Shanghai. The sum of £15,000 had previously been received here.

Mr. Herbert Phillips has also made representations to the Japanese authorities urging isolation from warfare of Hangchow, where the British form the largest foreign community.

Residents there include Bishop John Curtis.—Reuter.

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